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No.J.1.C.142/42.

Dear Sir,

I write to state that it is reported that one Ankam Sanjivashetty, who is the President of the Taluk Congress Committee and one of the leading congressmen in these parts, is going about, encouraging shop keepers to "hartal" as a protest against the action of Government in regard to the Congress activities and creating a defiant attitude among the public. I have found that his activity is prejudicial to the maintenance of peace and order and have, therefore, issued a warrant for his arrest and detention in the Hassan District Lockup, until further orders, under clause (b) of Sub rule (i) and Sub rule (5) of Rule 26 of the Defence of India Rules as applied to Mysore.

The District Superintendent of Police, Hassan will be executing the warrant immediately.

A report has been received to the effect that some of the leading Congressmen of Arsikere have decided to take a procession to induce people to do "hartal" and the school children, to go on strike. I am taking immediate steps to verify this report and if necessary, to arrest and detain the leaders involved in the movement.

Yours sincerely,

Mothmad-ul-Mulk
Gulam Mohiyuddin Mehkri, Esq., B.A., LL B.,
Chief Secretary to Government,
Bangalore.

Dear Sir,

In continuation of my D.O.letter No.J1.C.142-42 dated the 12th August 1942. I note below the incidents which have taken place in the several parts af this District and the action taken.

As already reported, Mr. Ankam Sanjeeva Setti, President of the Taluk Congress Committee. Channarayapatna, who was reported to have gone round exhorting people to observe 'hartal' etc., was ordered to be detained in the Sub Jail at Hassan under Section 26 (1) (b) and (5) of the Defence of India Rules as applied to Mysore. The District Superintendent of Police, Hassan, reported on 12-8-42 that certain Congressmen went in procession, that Messrs. D.Anantasingh and Channappiah, who recently attended the Bombay Session of the A.I.C.C. were addressing a gathering under the Presidentship of one Mr. D.V.Ramaswami, that according to the desire expressed by the speakers, it was likely that there would be 'hartal' and also students' strike. It is ascertained that the speakers sopke in a very defiant language, about the policy of Government in arresting the Congress laders and that they openly exhorted the people to follow the Congress Campaign of Satyagraha etc. Next day, information was received that this campaign would be actively put into operation. As it was likely that this might lead to dangerous consequences, Messrs.D.V.Ramaswami, Anantasingh and Channappiah were ordered to be detained in the Sub Jail, under Rule 26 (1) (b) and (5) of the Defence of India Rules as applied to Mysore. They have been accordingly arrested and detained.

Later. information was received to the effect that Mr.B.N.Boranagowda another Congressman, and member, working committee attended to create

create trouble at Arsikere on 14-8-42 which was a shandy day. His movements were watched as there was strong reason to suspect that he would address the people and incite them to follow Satyagraha. He was arrested and detained in the Sub Jail at Hassan under Rule 26(1)(b) and (5) of the Defence of India Rules as applied to Mysore.

At Hassan, the students of the Boys' High School and a few students of the Girls' High School struck work and marched through the streets on 14-8-42, carrying the Congress Flag and making the usual demonstrations. They repeated this today morning also and incited the workmen in the Mysore Implements Factory to strike work. Afterwards they stood in front of the Arsikere Mixed train and stopped it. The news was conveyed to me by the District Superintendent of Police when I was on my way to a nearby village for inspections. I and the District Superintendent of Police proceeded at once to the Hassan Railway Station and found that the crowd had dispersed and the train gone to the platform. The Railway Police Daffedar told us that on the crowd stopping the train, he told them that it was highly improper and advised them to allow the train to proceed. They appear thereupon to have contented themselves with chalking up slogans on the Engine and carriages and then left the spot.

Last night, it was reported by the Railway Police that about thirty student-volunteeers came from Arsikere to Habbanaghatta station and damaged wires, point and gate lamp.

So far, the crowds, which are mostly of students, have contented themselves both at Arsikere and Hassan with taking out processions, uttering slogans and organizing strikes and hartals. The arrest and detention of the leaders already mentioned have had a very salutary effect in keeping the situation in hand. But reports have been received from the Police that several others are unnecessarily exhorting the crowds to very much more objectionable methods of activity like picketting liquor shops, travelling without ticket and cutting

cutting Railway telephone line, interfering with passers by who do not join them in dress etc., and generally, to acts bordering on violence. I consider that it is very necessary to put these agitators in safe places well in time before they can lead the youthful crowds to much greater mischief. I may mention, for instance, that the crowd of students went to the Jail yesterday and demanded to see the Congress leaders who were detained there. They were insistent and the situation was a trifle anxious. But they were persuaded to go away peacefully.

I therefore propose to watch the situation carefully and if I am indubitably assured that the presence at large of some of these people is positively dangerous to peace and order and that their incitements ~~may lead~~ to violent acts, are likely to have immediate tangible effects, I propose to use the powers vested in me under the Defence of India Rules and the Public Security Act.

I may assure Government, however, that this step will not be taken unless the Police and I feel that otherwise the situation is likely to go out of hand.

Yours sincerely,

Mothamed-Ul-Mulk
Gulam Mohiyuddin Mehkri, Esq., B.A., LL B.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Bangalore.

Mr.N.S.Hirannayya, M.A.,
Deputy Commissioner.

Hassan,

16th August 1942.

No. 4742

Dear Sir,

The activities in connection with the Civil Disobedience Campaign in Arsikere Town have now taken the form of attempting to hoist the Congress Flags on Government buildings, chiefly on the Taluk Office. Today several Congressmen came to the Taluk Office at Arsikere and attempted to hoist the Congress Flag. It is likely that this attempt will be repeated hereafter and on a much larger scale including the moffusil towns. I have considered the question of action to be taken in this matter and I propose to wait hereafter till the attempt is actually made and the parties enter the buildings, when they can be booked for trespass and tried under the ordinary penal law. In any case, I think it desirable that action should be taken to prevent this forcible exhibition of the Congress Flag on Government buildings. I request instructions whether I can take this course uniformly hereafter.

A full report of all the circumstances occurring in the interval between the last report and tomorrow will be made tomorrow.

Yours sincerely,

Mothamed-Ul-Mulk
Gulam Mohiyuddin Mehkri, Esq., B.A., LL B.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Bangalore.

CHIEF SECRETARY.
21. AUG. 1942
GOVT. OF MYSORE.

Deputy Commissioner.

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Hassan,
18th August 1942.

No.J1.C.142/42.
PC 47-42

Dear Sir,

In continuation of my D.O.No.J.1.C.142/42 dated the 15th August 1942. I write below a brief summary of the incidents which have taken place since.

A report was received on the 16th from the District Superintendent of Police, Hassan, that Mr. Shadaksharappa, a merchant of Arsikere was instigating boys to hoist the National Flag on Government offices and to commit Forest Satyagraha and other methods of violation of law. This individual had been a leader in instigating the boys to unalwful activities and it was evident that the actions of the children were being very prejudicially influenced by him. I therefore issued a warrant for his arrest and detention under Rule 26 (1) (b) and (5) of the Defence of India Rules, which was executed on the 16th August 1942. While this person was leading the crowd to hoist the Congress Flag on the Taluk Office building. Since then, activities cooled down somewhat.

In Hassan. Congress activities took the form of "hartal" and processions. which. however. I am glad to say. were not very well attended. The Schools had however to be closed, because the boys used to pour in in large numbers and prevent other students from going in As however, the attendance at these demonstrations is seen to be somewhat dwindling. I have not taken action to have schools opened and the crowds dispersed by force I propose to wait till tomorrow and see

On the 17th, I got information that a crowd of nearly five to six hundred boys had been detained at Banavar by the local Police. While I was going to Channarayapatna, I got a telephone message stating that Banavar Station had been burnt and that the crowd was proceeding towards Arsikere. I proceeded at once to Arsikere but found that the latter rumour was not well founded. In the meantime, the District Superintendent of Police with a bus of Reserve Police came and we proceeded to Banavar where we found that the entire booking office had been gutted, the damage has been estimated at nearly Rs.6,500/-. The crowd which had committed this mischief had dispersed but we immediately made arrangements to depute a Sub Inspector with some Constables to search them out and find out if they were hiding in the vicinity. We returned to Arsikere and as the situation showed no sign of worsening, I returned to Hassan. The Military arrived at Arsikere last night and a portion of them are camping at Arsikere for the protection of Railway property.

On the whole, the situation seems to be well in hand in this District and there is not much reason for apprehension except at Arsikere, which, being a junctional station on the main line, requires careful watching. I have asked the District Superintendent of Police to camp there also I am watching the situation carefully

Yours sincerely.

Mothamed-Ul-Mulk

Gulam Mohiyuddin Mehkri, Esq., B.A.,LL B.
Chief Secretary to Government,
Bangalore.

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All concerned message dated 17th August 1942, from the Station Master, Arsikere, Mysore State Railway.

Permanent Way Inspector, Arsikere at mile 103/11 between Arsikere and Banaver intimates as under:-

"Understand Banaver station burnt to ashes and K.Oil tank still burning. Telegraph wires cut, require Military urgent".

7/432 Copy of the above is forwarded, with compliments, to the Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore, Bangalore, for information.

CHIEF SECRETARY. 17 AUG. 1942 GOVT. OF MYSORE.

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Secretary for Railways,
Government of Mysore.

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GORUR RAMASWAMI IYENGAR
MEMBER
COTTAGE INDUSTRIES COMMITTEE OF
THE GOVT. OF MYSORE.

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Mr. N. S. Hirannayya, M.A.,
Deputy Commissioner

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No. 49/42

Dated Hassan the 20th August 1942.

Dear Sir,

I write to state that the Civil Disobedience Campaign in this District is not getting that amount of encouragement from the local people that would enable it to survive for any length of time by itself. The trouble however is that gangs of ~~boys~~ Students have been coming from Tumkur, Bangalore and Mysore and inciting students in Hassan and Arsikere to take to active methods of agitation. With the increased bandobast on the Bangalore Harihar Section, I am glad to say that the influx from that area has dwindled greatly. The result has been, however, that a number of students are coming from Mysore and exhorting crowds at Holenarsipur and Hassan to take to more active Civil Disobedience ~~movement~~ methods. It is necessary that this kind of influx from cities like Mysore and Bangalore should be put a stop to since it would render the work of safeguarding more difficult in moffusil Districts where adequate forces are not available at an emergency.

I would therefore earnestly recommend that large batches of students who set out by trains either from Mysore or from Bangalore may be stopped at those stations alone instead of being freely allowed, as is now the case, to flood this District and become centres of disturbance and agitation. As I have stated, dealing with these crowds would be more easy in Mysore and Bangalore where large forces are available than in moffusil stations where we cannot afford to disperse our striking forces at the different centres. Just yesterday a crowd of 150 students travelled from Mysore to Holenarsipur and made speeches there inciting students to be more earnest in their Civil Disobedience movement. They have travelled down to

to Hassan today and they have made similar speeches here. It would have been best that this kind of mass movement of students should be stopped at the place of origin alone and that the burden of dealing with them should not unnecessarily be thrown on the Police of outlying Districts. I request therefore that the District Magistrates of Mysore and Bangalore may be asked to prevent mass movement of students from their Districts for propaganda purposes by denying, if necessary, train facilities to them. The latter would be a really useful measure since, as I understand, all of them travel without tickets.

Yours sincerely,

Mothamed-Ul-Mulk
Gulam Mohiyuddin Mehkri, Esq., B.A., LL B.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Bangalore.

Mr. N. S. Hirannayya, M.A.,
Deputy Commissioner.

Dated Hassan, the 20th Aug. 1942.

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Dear Sir,

I enclose herewith a copy of my D.O. letter No. P.C.45/42 dated the 19th instant to the Inspector General of Police in Mysore and state that a reply was received from him by telephone that I may get forces from Bangalore, if necessary. (Extract of the Phone message is enclosed) In addition to the consideration mentioned in the letter under advertance, I may also state that there is an Implement Factory engaged in War works very near the Hassan Railway Station. We have information that a strike in this Factory is likely to be engineered and it is very necessary to have enough forces to meet any situation that may arise. I therefore request that a force of not less than twentyfive military may be despatched at once to stay at Hassan and protect that Station and other stations on the Mysore line. I request that favour of immediate orders being communicated to me.

Yours Sincerely,
N. Hirannayya
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Mohamed-Ul-Mulk

Gulam Mohyiuddin Mehkri, Esq., B.A., LL.B.
Chief Secretary to the Govt. of His Highness the
Maharaja of Mysore, BANGALORE.

Telephone message sent as below dated 20th August to Hassan

Your letter of twenty-fifth ~~ultimo~~ instant to Deputy Commissioner is examined with Headquarters authorities ~~concerned~~. The Commissioner is informed ~~by~~ there is [illegible]

Copy received in Hassan Station through Phone Operator 24-2-Hyderabad

emergency arises. It is not desirable to distribute
forces ~~[illegible]~~ Detailed instructions
are being issued.

D.O. Letter No.P.C.45-42 dated the 19th August 1942 from the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District, to the Inspector General of Police in Mysore, (Camp) Davanagere.

I write to state that the burning of Banavar, Davanagere and Tiptur Stations has had a very prejudicial affect on the minds of the boys and the contagion may spread to Hassan which is very important station with a big petrol bunk adjacent. The Provincial Reserve Police at Hassan is only twelve and it would be helpless to meet any emergency in case there is serious trouble at the station. Hassan is so near the big stations on the Bangalore - Harihar line that it is no unreasonable apprehension if we anticipate trouble and provide for it. I therefore request that immediate arrangements may be made to the protection of Hassan Railway Station by posting a small detachment of Military. We require at least 25 men. In the interests of the station which is an important one, I request that 25 men may be posted t Hassan town and telegraphic orders issued.

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Deputy Commissioner,
Hassan District.

20/8/42.

Extract from Telephone Message from the Inspector General of Police in Mysore, Camp, Davanagere, to the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District, Camp) Arsikere.

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Force may be got from Bangalore if necessary.

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Deputy Commissioner,
Hassan District.

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Telephone message received from the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan to the Chief Secretary.

Message has been received that telegraphic wires cut between Holenarasipur and Mavinkere Stations and an attempt has been made to dislodge the girder of a culvert. It is a serious matter and preventive measures are necessary. I request a small detachment of Military may be sent at once for protection of other important stations in this District. This may be kindly treated as very urgent

150 students have left Mysore for Mandya without tickets to hold a meeting in Mandya. D.C.Mandya informed.

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Office of the District Magistrate
Hassan District,
Dated, Hassan, the 20th August 1942

No Jl.C. 142-42.

From

N. S. Hirannayya, Esq M.A.,

District Magistrate, Hassan District

To

Mothamed-ul-Mulk
Gulam Mohiyuddin Mehkri Esq B.A. LL.B.

Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore

CHIEF SECRETARY
23. AUG. 1942
GOVT OF MYSORE.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that the detinues in the Sub Jail at Hassan request that arrangements might be made to supply them with copies of one English and one Kannada daily to be selected by Government. I solicit instructions as to whether their request could be complied with.

I have the honour to be,

Sir

Your most obedient servant

District Magistrate
Hassan District.

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Mr. N. S. Hirannayya, M.A.,
Deputy Commissioner

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Dated Hassan, the 22nd August 1942.

PC No. 56-42

Subject for personal

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Dear Sir,

In continuation of my D.O.No.J1.C.142/42P.C.47/42 dated the 18th August 1942, I write to state that the conditions in the District have since then been on the whole peaceful. The atmosphere at Arsikere is calm and things are almost normal. On the 18th night, there was some apprehension of trouble and on receipt of information from the District Superintendent of Police, I proceeded with a posse of reserve Police to Arsikere but found that nothing untoward was brewing. On the 19th morning, some reports came in that people who had engaged themselves in the troubles at Tiptur Station might be likely to come towards Arsikere. I and the District Superintendent of Police therefore proceeded on the road with a view to verify the fact for ourselves. We met the Deputy Commissioner and the District Superintendent of Police of Tumkur at Tiptur and came to some understanding regarding the exchange of information and patrolling of the area. On our way back, within Tumkur District limits, we saw a group of people engaged in burning a toddy shop. Some arrests were made and after arrival of a squad of Military from Tiptur, the situation was taken charge of by the Tumkur Police and I and my District Superintendent of Police returned to Arsikere. As there was no change in the situation, we returned to Hassan next day

On the 21st, information was given that telephone wires had been cut in Mavinakere and that attempt had been made to dislodge slabbing from a culvert. I proceeded at once to the spot with the District Superintendent of Police and the Assistant Engineer, Railways, and came to the conclusion that it was a deliberate attempt at sabotage and proceeded to Kotemarsipur, made further enquiries there and made special arrangements for the investigation of the case and the posting of adequate Police

Inspector told us that the line had been cut in several places. On returning to Hassan, special enquiries have been made to find out from which quarters these attempts originated, since we suspect that Hassan people were implicated in the matter. We hope to make some arrests shortly.

The Mobile Squad with two officers came in the night and they have this morning proceeded to Mavinakere with the District Superintendent of Police, to make arrangements for tracing out the culprits and to devise adequate arrangements for safeguarding the railway line and stations. I have also instructed the District Superintendent of Police to use the local Police for patrolling work and to take very strong action in cases of attempts to cut the wires or any other form of sabotage.

Barring these incidents, there is no special feature to report. Any other developments will be reported in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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Mothamed-Ul-Mulk
Gulam Mohiyuddin Mehkri, Esq., B.A., LL B.,
Chief Secretary to Government,
Bangalore.

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Mr. N. S. Hirannayya, M.A.,
Deputy Commissioner

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Dated Hassan, the 26th August 1942.

No. 78/42.

Dear Sir,

In continuation of my D.O.No.P.C.56/42 dated the 22nd August 1942, I write to state that since the date of that report, things have, on the whole, been peaceful and there are no special incidents to report.

On the 22nd, the District Superintendent of Police and the members of the Flying Squad paid a visit to Mavinakere and other places and they arrested one of the leading agitators by name Thimmegowda, who was moving about in the neighbouring villages under suspicious circumstances. This individual had been leading a movement in Hassan and surrounding places and had been systematically inciting the students to unlawful acts. I therefore issued a warrant against him under Rule 26 of the Defence of India Rules and he was arrested by the District Superintendent of Police.

On the 23rd, we got information about the possibility of a number of students assembling to meet the train at Hassan without tickets and of an act of incendiarism at Habbanaghatta Station. I proceeded to the Railway Station at Hassan where the District Superintendent of Police and the Reserve Police were present and cleared the station platform of all trespassers. We also proceeded to Dudda where it was reported that a number of students had crowded, but found everything quiet. It turned out that the alleged fire at Habbanaghatta Station was a very petty matter and it was only a small wooden box that was burnt, the reason not being known. In the evening, Major Shama Rao Scindia, Officer commanding the Detachment at Arsikere, came with a squad of men and we had a useful discussion about arrangements for patrolling wires

directions promptly and immediately. the Major left a squad of ten men at Hassan.

On the 24th, the schools re-opened, The Boys' Middle School and High School were opened and we had made special, though unostentatious, arrangements to see that no disturbance took place. I went round myself at about 11 O'clock and found nearly 60 students in the High School and quite a good number in the Middle School. In the afternoon, on receipt of a message of a demonstration by students near the Taluk Office at Saklespur, I went to the place along with a posse of reserve men as the District Superintendent of Polic was in Arsikere. but found the town quite peaceful. I made enquiries at Alur on the way and was told that things were quite peaceful.

On the 25th, the District Superintendent of Police returned from Arsikere and reported about the arrival of the full Military Detachment at that place. I therefore proceeded to Arsikere with the Executive Engineer and made enquiries about the camp and also about the local political situation. The situation at Arsikere is quiet. No disturbance or untoward happenings are reported. Instructions have been issued that no political procession etc., should be allowed near the place where the Military are situated. I met Major Shama Rao Scindia and Mr.Rangamalliah at the place and we had detailed discussions about patrolling of lines and stations in a more effective manner. Major Shama Rao told me that he had instructions to withdraw the small detachment at Hassan. This, in my opinion, would have been a somewhat undesirable step unless alternative forces have been posted at Hassan. because, as things stand, there is more unrest and possibilities of trouble at Hassan than in Arsikere. I therefore sent a telephone message to the Chief Commandant on the subject and was greatly reassured

reassured next morning when the arrival of a passe of reserve Police was intimated from Government. This will amply meet our needs and enable me to deal swiftly and effectively with any situation that may arise. I have informed Major Shama Rao that I shall send back his squad tomorrow immediately the extra Police force arrives.

Today, i.e., the 20th, I had to take notice of the conduct of three leading Congressites, Messrs: Gorur Ramaswami Iyengar, Gorur Sampath Iyengar and Konanur Kesavamurthi. These individuals, though not belonging to Hassan Town, had been interesting themselves greatly in the students' agitation and their speeches have been mounting into a crescendo of hatred and violence. In spite of a long rope given to them, they have not moderated their tone and their effect on the students and crowds generally has been most sinister. It would have been dangerous to have allowed them to be at large any further, as they were likely to induce boys to acts of violence and sabotage. I therefore issued warrants for their arrest and detention under Rule 26 of the Defence of India Rules and the warrant has been carried out today by the District Superintendent of Police. I have made arrangements to meet possible repercussions, which, may of course, not materialise. In any case, I certainly expect that this action will have a salutary effect on the local situation. I may mention that Messrs. Gorur Ramaswami Iyengar and Konanur Kesavamurthi had made themselves particularly dangerous as they were interesting themselves in the workers of the Implements Factory and trying to induce a strike.

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A further report of the incidents tomorrow and the day after will be made at the end of that period.

I shall have been very greatly helped indeed by the prompt desptach of Police to Hassan Town and I am sure the adequate forces we have got will have a salutary effect on the tone and temper of the crowds.

Yours sincerely,

N. S. Narasimhaiya

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Mothamed-Ul-Mulk
Gulam Mohiyuddin Mehkri, Esq., B.A., LL B.,
Chief Secretary to Government,
Bangalore.

M.M.

No 1011/CB

31st August 2

Dear Sir,

Please refer to your D.O. letter No.78/42 dated the 26th August 1942 reporting about the situation in the District. I am desired to state in this connection that intelligent enquiry must be made of the school boys who are arrested and detained in connection with ticketless travelling ~~and~~ about acts of incendiarism.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Secretary.

N. S. Hirannayya, Esqr., M.A.,
Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District.

Confidential.

Mr. N. S. Hirannayya, M.A.,
Deputy Commissioner

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Dated Hassan, the 29th August 1942.

No. PC 87/42

Subs for perusal
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Dear Sir,

In continuation of my letter No.P.C.78/42 dated the 26th August 1942, I write to state that the arrests of the three leaders Messrs: Gorur Ramaswamiengar, Sampathiengar and Kesavamurthi have had a very good effect on the local situation with the result that when the classes were opened, we had a fair attendance which amounted to nearly 50 per cent; on account of the Police arrangements made, there is no picketing on any large scale. I learnt today that the boys have left off picketing at the School gates and have now taken to house to house visits with a view to persuade parents not to send their boys to school. I can state without hesitation that there is no real vigour in the movement now and it is not unlikely that unless it is fanned by outside agencies, it may cool down.

I had consultations with the National War Front Committee Members and other gentlemen of the town with a view to mobilise public opinion ~~in of the town with~~ against the way the students have been behaving with respect to schools and on political matters generally. As a result, a meeting of merchants was held under the auspices of the National War Front Committee and it has been decided that active propaganda may be carried on to bring home to parents the futility of keeping their boys from schools and the very bad effect continued absence might have on them. I am also making arrangements to get into contact with the other important elements in the town and to form ~~confirm~~ a united front in the matter, keeping it as far as possible, within non-official auspices.

The situation at Arsikere is very quiet and it is reported that people have ~~they~~ left off even Prabhat-beris. Schools are opened as usual. The posse of reserve Police sent by the Inspector

useful indeed in meeting future contingencies.

On the whole, I may say that the situation in the District has been perfectly peaceful and ~~non-violent~~ quiet.

Yours sincerely,

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Mothamed-ul-Mulk
Gulam Mohiyuddin Mehkri, Esq., B.A., LL B.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Bangalore.

NO SPL 4/42-43

Office of the Special Officer
on duty with the Military Detachment
at Arsikere & Special Magistrate,
Camp Arsikere, dated 31-8-1942.

Daily Reports.

27-8-1942:- Taken over duties as Special Officer and Magistrate.

Sub Inspectors on escort duty with the Harihar-Bangalore, and Banglore - Harihar lines. report every thing was normal.

Mr.Samad Khan. Police Inspector, and six armed sepoy of the Mysore Infantry. patrolled the Railway line from Arsikere to Devanur and back. No incidents reported.

Discussed disposition of Troops with local Officers and arranged for Military patrol between several stations Arsikere, Birur, Chickjajur, Bhadravathi, Davangere, Tiptur etc.. . Situation quiet in all places covered by the patro parties.

28-8-1942:- Met the District Magistrate at Hassan.

At 8 A.M. this morning, a message was received from the Telegraph & Divisional Engineer, Coimbatore, stating that Telegraph wires between Bangalore and Harihar were being cut, and that they may be repaired. A reply was sent that no such incidents were reported and that there was an effective Military Patrol on the line since 26th August 42.

At 11 A.M. a message was received from the Permanent Way Inspector, Tumkur at Nittoor, that 6 steel sleepers were removed from an un-known person at Bridge No.305 Mile 166/20 between Tumkur and Mallasandra stations. Later a message was received that repairs to Permanent Way were attended to promptly and that the Railway line is safe and that there was no interruption to passenger or goods traffic.

Escort duty Sub Inspectors on the Bangalore- Harihar lines reported nothing unusual.

One Sub Inspector deputed by District Superintendent of Police , Mysore District, contacted Mr.Samad Khan. Nothing particular reported on Mysore Arsikere line.

were normal at Mysore except for demonstrations by students. Intermediate stations reported normal. Military patrol arranged in consultation with Major Shama Rao Sindhya.

The question of increasing the number of hand driven trolleys for use by the Military patrol parties referred to the General Manager, Mysore Railways for decision. It seems better to have a light Engine and a Bogie for use of Military personnel, ready at Arsikere for emergency use.

29-8-1942:- General Manager, Mysore Railways phones that he will discuss question of trolleys and light engine the next day and that he will arrive on 30-8-1942

Military patrol on trolleys and on foot by day and by night arranged. From 1-9-1942, a regular programme for this will be drawn up and copies of actual patrol carried out the previous day will be reported.

Escort duty Sub Inspectors reported situation calm.

30-8-1942:- In the morning, met the District Superintendent of Police Hassan District and collected information about situation at Hassan. Went in the direction of Banavar and Bendikere in the morning by taxi. Nothing unusal reported.

General Manager, Mysore Railways proceeded to Harihar by 3 Up and promised to retun to-morrow. Major Shama Rao discussed details of Military Patrol ~~xxxx~~ and the provisi of special train for patrol duty. Further discussions will be carried ~~xxx~~ on to-morrow when the Chief Commandant is expected here.

In the evening, went to Tiptur with Major Shama Rao and Mr. Samad Khan and contacted Amildar Tiptur, Police Inspector Tiptur and others. It is stated that students are likely to picket schools to-morrow. Military patrol arranged by train. by bus and on foot.

Message received from Permanent Way Inspector Chitaldurg at about 3-30 that 2 fish plates and 4

Siddapur level crossings at miles 18/9 & 10 Miles and that action was taken to strengthen the line by adequat repairs in time.

GENERAL;- The Bangalore Transport Company buses (4) were returned to Bangalore.

The Military lorry at Birur was withdrawn to Arsikere and the District Magistrate has placed a 22 seater Bus at the disposal of the Detachment there.

Sd/- Leonard Lea

31/8/42

Daily reports will be sent regularly in future

Copy submitted to the Chief Secretary to Govt of Mysore

No. 1169/C.

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2nd September 2

Dear Sir,

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No.1 dated the 31st August 1942. It is not the intention of Government to relieve you of your duties as Personal Assistant to the Chief Commandant Mysore State Troops, as your stay at Arsikere is only temporary for a short period.

Yours sincerely

(Sd.) M. G. Mehkri,

Chief Secretary to Govt.

J. S. Sattaradhya, Esqr., M.A.,
Personal Assistant to the Chief Commandant
(Camp) Arsikere.

Memo No 1170/C.

Copy of the above is forwarded, with compliments, to the Chief Commandant, Mysore State Troops.

Chief Secretary to Govt.

D.O.
No. I/42-43

Camp Arsikere,
Dated the 31st August 1942.

From

Mr.J.B.Mallaradhva, M.A.,
Personal Assistant to the
Chief Commandant. Mysore State Troops,
Camp Arsikere.

To

The Chief Secretary.
to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore
Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honor to state that when I was at Arsikere on some special work entrusted to me by the Chief Commandant, on 26th August 1942, I met Mr.Rangamalliah. Special Officer on duty with the Military Detachment at Arsikere, in the Travellers' Bungalow at about 8 P.M.. He was ill and he was not in a fit condition for work. I therefore telephoned to the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan, that Mr.Rangamalliah requires casual leave for three days and that a relèiver may be sent immediately.

On 27th August 1942. I received a phone message from the Law Minister and from you as per details furnished by me in my Demi Official letter of even date. Accordingly I have taken over from Mr.Rangamalliah from the forenoon of 27th August 1942. If it be the intention of Government that I should be relieved of my duties as Personal Assistant to the Chief Commandant, a formal transfer of charge is necessary from the audit point of view. This point requires clarification, as during my stay at Arsikere since 26th August 1942, I have been doing my duties as Personal Assistant to the Chief Commandant and looked after Special Officer's work in addition to my normal duties.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant
J.B.Mallaradhya
Personal Assistant to the
Chief Commandant, Mysore State Troops,
Camp Arsikere.

Confidential.

Mr. N. S. Hirannayya, M.A.,
Deputy Commissioner

Dated Hassan, the 2nd September 194 2.

No. PC 49/42

Dear Sir,

In continuation of my letter No.P.C.87/42 dated the 29th August 1942 I write to state that there has been no change in the situation since the date of my last report. The only point which deserves mention is that the attendance at the High School classes has gone down considerably. The students have left off picketing at the gates of the School and do not assemble in crowds for the purpose. They are going round from house to house now and requesting the parents not to send their boys to school and the pupils not to attend classes. This has had a very deleterious effect on the attendance but no kind of violence or even obstruction is being practised. The students of the Adikarnataka Boarding Home who were attending classes till two days back finally came under the persuasion of the others and in spite of advice rendered by local gentlemen, they have decided to go back to their villages and have left the Boarding Home.

There was a widespread rumour that a so called meeting of the A.M.C.C. would be held yesterday. Instructions had been issued to the District Superintendent of Police to prevent the meeting in case it was held. It turned out, however, to be something of a stunt, since no meeting was held. It is gathered that a talk about holding the meeting took place. But for some reason or other, the people concerned seem to have abandoned the idea.

Another direction in which signs of trouble are experienced, is the action of some congressmen who are picketing the shandies. It is reported that there was such picketing in the Gorur shandy and people were instigated not to pay tax to the toll gate keeper as well as shandy

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similar moves in respect of the shandies in the Belur Taluk. I have directed the District Superintendent of Police to send some force to the Halebid shandy and see that ~~the~~ any disturbance or violence on the part of the trouble makers is suitably dealt with.

The main trouble is that the students who are not attending classes find time hanging on their heads and are ripe for mischief. It is therefore desirable that some useful occupation is found for them and from enquiries I gather that if the attempt is properly managed through non-official channels, it may be possible to start some vocational classes including carpentry, smithy, charaka classes etc., which will attract the attention of the students. The only disadvantage in this course would be that it would be liable to ~~a~~ interpretation ~~and~~ that we would ourselves to some extent be incidental in drawing ~~off~~ several students away from High School classes, and probably permanently. This disadvantage ~~we have~~ has however to be ~~watched~~ weighed in the balance with the trouble that we are likely to experience by having crowds of boys who have no work to do in the afternoons and who are willing and anxious ~~and~~ listen to the sinister advice of agitators, many of them coming from outside. I request that Government may be pleased to consider this point and issue necessary instructions so that the idea may if possible be worked out.

Yours sincerely,

Mothamed-ul-Mulk

Gulam Mohiyuddin Mehkri, Esq., B.A., LL.B.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Bangalore.

No. 12021 C B 5th September 2

Dear Sir,

With reference to your D.O. letter No.P.C.99 dated the 2nd September 1942 intimating among other things that Gorur and other shandies are being picketed by some of the congress men and that people are being instigated not to pay taxes to the toll gate keepers, etc., I am desired to state that strong action should be taken to put down such developments.

As regards your suggestion for the starting of Vocational classes to keep the students employed, I am to point out that the students are staying away from classes as such and not merely from literary education. No purpose will, therefore, be served by starting any vocational classes.

Yours sincerely

N. S. Hirannayya, Esqr., M.A.,
Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District.

No.J1.C.142/42.

Office of the District Magistrate,
Hassan District,
Dated Hassan, the 4th September 42.

From

N. S. Hirannayya, Esq., M.A.,
District Magistrate, Hassan District.

To

Mothamed-Ul-Mulk
Gulam Mohiyuddin Mehkri, Esq., B.A., LL B.,
Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that the District Medical Officer, Hassan, who examined Mr. T.S.Sampthkumaran, a detenue in the Sub Jail at Hassan has certified that he seems to be suffering from chronic gastritis etc., and that it is desirable to have him as an inpatient in the District Hospital for a week at least, for detailed observation, further examination and treatment. The Superintendent, Sub Jail, Hassan, has reported that the detenue is becoming impatient in his talk day by day and he tells me he saw the District Medical Officer, who considers it necessary to have the patient under observation at once. In these circumstances, in anticipation of approval, I have permitted the removal of the detenue to the District Hospital and requested the District Medical Officer to keep him aloof under watch and ward. I have also instructed the District Superintendent of Police, Hassan to make special arrangements for watch and ward and to see that the patient is not brought into contact with any outside elements whatsoever. I request that the action taken by me may be approved. Copy of the District Medical Officer's letter is enclosed.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

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Letter No Nil dated 4-9-1942 from the District Medical Officer Hassan, to the Deputy Commissioner. Hassan District.

With reference to your communication No. P.C.108/42 dated 4-9-1942, I have the honour to inform you that I have examined Mr. Sampath Kumaram Pleader and I am of opinion that it is desirable to have him as an in-patient in this Hospital for a week at least for detail observation His present condition needs admission and further examination and treatment. PS

Mr. Sampathkumaran seems to be suffering from Chr Gastritis proba.. Duodunal ulcer. His pulse rate and rythm is irregula and he gave a history of having passed black coloured motion indicating signs of malaria.

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For Deputy Commissioner,
Hassan District.

Cr. 1215/Cm 39

7th September 2.

Dear Sir.

With reference to your letter No. Jl.C.142/42 dated the 4th September 1942 stating that you have permitted the removal of T.S.Sampathkumaran, a detenue, to the District Hospital for treatment, I am desired to state that the action taken by you is approved.

It is presumed that you have taken necessary action to inform the Inspector General of Prisons in the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Chief Secretary.

N. S. Hirannayya, Esqr., M.A.,
District Magistrate, Hassan District.

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Very Confidential.

No. PC. 116/42

Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Hassan District,
Dated Hassan, the 8th September 42

From

N. S.Hirannayya, Esq., M.A.,
Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District.

To

C. Narayanaswami Naidu, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Secretary to Government, Law Department,
Bangalore.

Sir,

Subject: Release of Mr.P.Sitharamiah, a detenue in the Sub Jail at Hassan.

With reference to your letter No.P.1575 dated the 2nd September 1942, I have the honour to state that I made confidential enquiries of Mr.Sitharamiah and he gave an answer in the following words:-

"I am not anxious for a release unless the Government should of their own accord release me unconditionally. Even if I am released, my normal political movements and activities outside should not in any way be hampered. On these conditions, if the Government is pleased to release me, I have no objection."

Being asked to answer categorically whether he would desire to be set free, he stated he could not give any answer other than the one given above.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Deputy Commissioner,
Hassan District.

Confidential.

Mr. N. S. Hirannayya, M.A.,
Deputy Commissioner

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No. PC 120/42 *Dated Hassan, the* 8th/9th September 1942.

Dear Sir,

In continuation of my letter No.P.C.99/42 dated the 2nd September 1942, I write to state as follows:-

With the receipt of the letter of the Chief Secretary in D.O.No.155-65/C.B. dated 1st/2nd September 1942, active measures have been taken to prevent picketing in Educational institutions. Police patrols were arranged and men posted to see that crowds of boys who might intend to start were moved on and dispersed. The District Superintendent of Police attended to the arrangements at Hassan while the Sub Division Officer, Hassan, proceeded to Holenarsipur with a posse of Police while I proceeded to Saklespur where the movement was reported to be gathering strength. The result of the arrangement was that picketing near the premises of educational institutions has practically stopped. The attendance today in the High School was 57 which is no doubt a very poor figure. The Middle Schools are well attended. I requested the Headmaster of the High School to convey to parents that in future they can send their boys to school without any fear or hesitation and I trust this will have a strengthening effect on the attendance at these educational institutions.

Active measures have been taken to prevent picketing at shandies with a view to prevent payment of shandy fees. The President of the District Board has been advised to use the powers vested in him under Section 58 of the District Boards Regulation and take proceedings against people who refuse to pay shandy fees. I have also instructed Amildars to visit as many shandies as possible, and since there is adequate

It is hoped that with the adoption of these measures, picketing of shandies may be stopped altogether. I have asked the Amildars and the District Superintendent of Police to have reports made to me about the situation at each important shandy.

Cutting of telegraph wires was reported in one place ~~in one place~~ in Holenarsipur and in two places in Channarayapatna Taluk and one in Arsikere Taluk. I proceeded to Kantarajapur in the Channarayapatna Taluk where one of the incidents occurred, with the District Superintendent of Police, and issued strict warning to the villager and especially village officers that they will be held responsible for any damage to Government property. Today in consultation with the District Superintendent, the Amildars and the Sub Division Officers, I have devised measures to have the entire length of line patrolled by village servants and where ~~this~~ these are not available by retired Police constables on payment of some small amount, till such time as conditions improve. I have also issued instructions that officers of the Police Department ~~who~~ to undertake surprise patrol work of sections of these lines with a view to detect cases of sabotage and book the culprits. Rewards have been promised to informers who give useful information about these offences. As regards employment of staff, I have made a separate report to you in my D.O.No.119/42 dated the 8th September 1942. I may state here that though the proposals may look very costly, they are absolutely of a temporary nature and the moment the need ceases, the staff will be disbanded. Without the employment of some such agency, it would be rather difficult to protect outlying lengths of telephone and telegraph lines which sometimes run through heavy jungle areas.

Please see order on my No 119 dated 11/9

I have paid a visit to Arsikere, Channarayapatna, Saklespur and Belur with a view to study the conditions

conditions in these places. At Arsikere I met Mr. J.B. Mallaradhya, Magistrate in charge of the Military Party and discussed with him the local situation. One Mr. D Ananthasingh, a detenue in the Hassan Jail was let on parole by Government in their letter No.P.1334/Cts.49-42-2 dated 27th August 1942 with a view to enable him to visit his child who was very sick. Information was received however that the presence of this individual at Arsikere was having a disturbing effect on the situation. I thereupon issued instructions to the District Superintendent of Police to go to Arsikere and verify to what extent the detenue's being on parole had been a source of trouble. I have also made enquiries and found that though the detenue Mr. Ananthasingh did not defintely take part in any open Congress activities, his being at large would be undesirable in the interests of the District and I therefore had him taken back to Jail on the 6th.

It was reported this morning by the Jail Superintendent that yesterday a crowd of boys proceeded towards the Jail and shouted out slogans with a view to receiving response from the detenues inside. I have issued strict instructions to the District Superintendent of Police that such actitivity cannot be permitted and that if any crowd begins to demonstrate, it will be necessary to have it dispersed by the use of force. Today I am glad to say there has been no repetition of such incident.

A few cases of destruction of toddy pots and cutting of date trees has been reported. I have directed the investigation in a case in which some trees were alleged to have been cut by a crowd of people and it is likely that a charge sheet will be placed very shortly. It

with in this manner, it may have a very salutary effect in preventing a repetition of these offences.

Yours sincerely,

Mothamed-Ul-Mulk

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Gulam Mohiyuddin Mehkri, Esq., B.A., LL B.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Bangalore.

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12th Septr 2

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Dear Sir,

I am desired to acknowledge the receipt of your D.O. letter No:119 of the 8th September 1942 requesting sanction of Government for your employing temporarily a speci establishment to guard telegraph and telephone wires and to state in reply that no additional staff need be employed for this purpose.

I am to point out to you, in this connection. that responsibility of the Village Officers and land-owners must be enforced and rewards given to such for prompt prevention or detection of such crimes

Yours sincerely.

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N.S.Hiriannayya, Esq., M.A.,
District Magistrate, Hassan.

Mr. N. S. Hirannayya, M.A.,
Deputy Commissioner

Dated Hassan, the 8th September *1942.*

No. PC 119/42

Dear Sir,

Reports of cutting and in several places, of removal of telegraph and telephone wires have been received and I consider it necessary to take immediate steps for the adequate protection of these lines to avoid interruptions of service. I have already instructed the Revenue and Police officials to visit villages bordering these lines and impress upon village officials the necessity of safeguarding Government property going within their jurisdictions and of the responsibility devolving upon them in this matter. It cannot be expected however that these people will keep such adequate watch as to prevent a recurrence of these incidents. I therefore propose that it is better to employ, for a temporary period, a special establishment to guard telegraph and telephone wires. These will be constituted from Retired Police and Military officials who are of suitable physique and who undertake such duty for a small remuneration. In cases where these are not available, I propose to give some remuneration in cash to village thotis and talaris or other suitable persons and see that the lines are watched day and night and that cases of sabotage are minimised. The entire staff will of course have to be supervised by the superior officers who will be drawn from among the ranks of suitable retired Police Inspectors, Sub Inspectors etc. I am having the scheme worked out in detail by the District Superintendent of Police and in the meantime, I request sanction to this proposal as an urgent measure. The expenditure will be kept at a minimum and the establishment disbanded the moment I am satisfied that no danger to the lines exists.

I request the favour of a message by telephone approving

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Yours sincerely,

8/9/42

Mothamed-ul-Mulk
Gulam Mohiyuddin Mehkri, Esq., B.A., LL B.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Bangalore.

D.O. 1117/CB 13th Sept 2

My dear Mr. Hiranmayya.

With reference to your D.O. letters No.J1.C.42 dated the 10th and 11th September 1942 forwarding the applications of Messrs. P.S.Narayana Rao and S.Sankar Rao for an interview with Mr. P. Seetharamiah, a detenu in the Sub Jail, Hassan, I am desired to state that Government have no objection to your granting them the permission provided they do not mis-use the opportunity given to them to interview the detenu.

Yours A

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N.S.Hirannaiya Esq.,M.A.,
District Magistrate,
Hassan District.

No. J/C-142-42

Office of the District Magistrate,
Hassan District,
Dated Hassan, the 11th Sept. 1942

From:

N. S.Hirannayya, Esq., M.A.,
District Magistrate, Hassan District.

To

Mothamed-ul-Mulk
Gulam Mohiyuddin Mehkri, Esq., B.A., LL B.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Bangalore.

Sir,

In forwarding herewith the application of Mr. P.S. Narayana Rao, praying for an interview with Mr.P.Seetharamiah, a detenue in the Sub Jail at Hassan, I have the honour to request you to be so good as to obtain orders of Government in the matter.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

District Magistrate,
Hassan District.

Reply Sent to DC. & to party on 13/9/42

From,

Officer Cadet P.S.Narayana Rao,
'Narayana Vilas', Krishnaraja Mohalla,
Mysore City.

To,

The Deputy Commissioner,
Hassan District, Hassan.

Sir,

Subject: Grant of interview with my father Mr. P. Sitaramiah who is detained in the Hassan Sub-jail under Sec 26, Defence of India Rules.

I have the honour to request you to kindly grant me an interview with my father Mr. P.Sitaramiah, as I have to discuss certain important family affairs - affairs which cannot be discussed through correspondence. May I furthur request you to kindly arrange for the interview during the course of this week as I may be recalled to join duty at the Indian Military Acddemy, Dehra Dun, at any moment?

A memorandum as to the result of this application may kindly be sent to me.

Mysore
9th Aug 1942.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
P. S. Narayana Rao
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No. A/C-142-42

Office of the District Magistrate,
Hassan District,
Dated Hassan, the 10th Sept. 1942.

From

N. S. Hirannayya, Esq., M.A.,
District Magistrate, Hassan District.

To

Mohamed-ul-Mulk
Gulam Mohiyuddin Mehkri, Esq., B.A., LL B.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Bangalore.

Sir,

In forwarding herewith, in original, ~~letter~~ N the application of Mr.S.Shakara Rao, Engineer, The Mysore Coffee Curing Works, Ltd., Chickmagalur, requesting permission to interview Mr. P.Seetharamiah, a detenue in the Sub Jail at Hassan, I have the honour to request you to be so good as to obtain the orders of Government in the matter, at an early date.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

District Magistrate,
Hassan District.

Proof
Rs 184
Reply sent 15 DC
Hd Parley on
13/9/42.

PD47/42-43

Office of the Special Officer
on duty with the Military Detachment
& Special First Class Magistrate,
Camp Arsikere, dated 12th Septr.42.

Daily report 11th September 1942.

Deputy Commissioner, Chittaldurg phones that a complete Platoon be posted for duty at Davangere, two sections at Chittaldu & and that one section now stationed at Mayakonda be withdrawn and kept at Chickjajur. Arrangements have been made accordingly and approval of Chief Commandant obtained thereto. The question of withdrawing the platoons from Chickmagalur and Chittaldurg is being considered by the Chief Commandant in consultation with the Inspector General of Police. The Striking Force at Arsikere toda is hardly one platoon less the number of men posted for Guard, Sent and other duties. And when our men are on night patrol duty, there will be practically none at Arsikere. The original idea was that at Arsikere, a full Company should always be available as Striking Force to meet any emergency. The Military Personnel is now being used in the Districts, for duties such as arrests of leaders in interior villages etc. The future disposition of troops requires to be reviewed in the light of experience gained so far.

A message was received here from a Gang man that at mile 24 between Dudda and Hassan, 2 big boulders and a big lump of earth were placed across the Railway line and that some obstruction was caused to Telegraph line. Immediately, a patrol party was sent to the spot and it was found that it was a frantic message and there was hardly any justification for sending such alarming news all over the State. There was no damage nor any interruption to the Railway or Telegraph lines.

Major Shama Rao and Lieut Devayya left Arsikere by Special train to Hassan with 21 men at 1715 hours. on patrol duty. The party was divided into 3 sections as follows:-

1st Section dropped at Hebbanghatta to lie in ambush for an hour and walk back to Arsikere.

2nd Section dropped near 24th mile stone to walk back to

3rd Section dropped also at 24th mile stone to move on to Hassan walking and get picked up by the Special train.

Sepoy No.443 Puttaswami of His Highness's Own Infantry was removed to District Hospital, Hassan, as he was suffering from Dysentry and the Special Duty Sub Assistant Surgeon felt that it was a severe type.

Met the Membersof the National War Front Organisation at Arsikere and exhorted them to launch a useful programme of patrolling activity for protection of Railway lines and Post & Telegraphs and to enlist the co-operation of Ex-service men and Military pensioners wherever possible.

Reports received here show that the situation at Chittaldurg, Davangere and Bhadravathi is quiet. Students' demonstrations at Arsikere are being intensified from day to day.

Drew up a programme of work for the Military escort to be provided for the Pilot trains and Mail trains running on the Bangalore- Harihar Section by night from 14.9.942. It is found that one or two officers more are required from the Palace Forces. Otherwise, there would be no relief for them especially when they are expected to be on duty continuously during nights.

Camp Arsikere

T. Sama Nara Iyer

12/9/42.

Submitted to the Chief Secretary

to Govt.

Telephone No. 2110

IN REPLY REFER TO No. / ENCLO. 6636-39.

Telegraphic Address
"GOMED"

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE
ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT,
CAUVERY POWER SCHEM

Bangalore, 15th September 1942
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To

The District Magistrate,
Hassan District,
HASSAN.

BIGAL SECRETARIA.
BANGALORE.
Reg. No. 611
Date. 16-9-42

Sir,

I have the honour to invite your kind reference to D.O.No.1010-19-C.B. dated the 24th August 1942 addressed to you by the Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore, and to state that I have received a report of of the burning of the Transmission Line poles in the following two localities, and I would request you to kindly arrange to take necessary action under the Mysore Cauvery Power Transmission Line Act.

(1) Four Baliga poles, 45' long, constituting 2 structures carrying Mysore-Bhadravati Transmission Line in Kalakeri Village limits in Hassan Taluk, about 8 miles from Hassan towards Belur, were burnt this morning rendering the Transmission Line extremely dangerous and causing interruption to Bhadravati Transmission Line for more than 4 to 6 hours.

(2) Two Wooden poles carrying power line between Chennarayapatna and Sravanabelagola in Kantarajpura Village limits have been set fire and burnt early morning to-day causing interruption of service to Sravanabelagola, Tiptur, Arsikere, etc. for a considerable time.

The loss to the department due to the burning of these wooden poles is two-fold, one the cost involved in replacing the burnt out poles and the other loss of revenue due to interrption of service to all installation serviced beyond the above point.

In the case of item1. the loss to the department due to replacement of poles comes up to about ₹400/- and loss of revenue due to the interruption of service to all installations served thereafter comes to about ₹1,420/-.

In the case of item 2, the cost of replacement of the poles comes up to about ₹100/- and the loss of revenue dueto interruption of service

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to all place served therefrom comes up to Rs30/-

Thus the total loss in the case of item 1 is Rs1,820/- and in the case of item 2 is Rs130/-.

I believe that unless action is taken to enforce the provisions of the Mysore Cauvery Power Transmission Line Act, such occurrences will be on the increase, and I would therefore request you to kindly take appropriate action in the matter.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Sd/- M. Hayath,
General Superintendent,CPS.

MH-CSC,

Copy forwarded with compliments to the Secretary to the Government of Mysore, Electrical Department, Bangalore, for favour of information of Government.

M. Hayath
General Superintendent,CPS. 15/9

Submitted for kind information

Law Minister) KP
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The D.G.P. of the Dom may be asked what steps are taken at the Cost of the localities (Municipalities) should not the Statement under

C.P.S. T. L. Act

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Letter to the D. M. G.

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21st Septr. 2

Dear Sir,

I am desired to invite reference to the letter No.6636-39 dated the 16th September 1942 addressed to you by the General Superintendent, Cauvery Power Scheme, regarding the burning of certain transmission line poles, and to enquire why special police should not be stationed at the cost of the localities (surrounding villages) under the provisions of the Act I of 1902 relating to Mysore Cauvery Power Transmission Line.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) M. G. Mehkri,

Chief Secretary to Govt.

To

V. S. Hirannayya, Esqr., M.A.,
District Magistrate. Hassan District.

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Memo No. 1568/CB dt. 21.9.60.

Copy of the foregoing is forwarded, with compliments, to the Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

Chief Secretary to Govt.

Mr

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

General and Revenue Secretariat,

No. P2059/Genl.

Dated Bangalore, 21st Septr. 1942.

FROM

The Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

To

The District Magistrate,
Hassan District.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. P.C. 150-42, dated 16th September 1942, I am directed to state that the permission sought for by Mr. H.M. Abdul Sammad to interview Mr. Ankam Sanjiva Setti, a detenu in the Sub Jail at Hassan, may be refused

The application received along with your letter under reply is herewith returned.

I have the honor to be.
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

H. K. Varadaraj Urs
for CHIEF SECRETARY
to Government.

Copy to Confidential Branch

Confidential.

Mr. N. S. Hirannayya, M.A.,
Deputy Commissioner

PC No. 196-42

Dated Hassan, the 21st Sept. 1942.

Dear Sir,

In continuation of my D.O.No.P.C.120/42 dated the 9th September 1942, I write to state as follows:-

1) Attendance at High Schools. In spite of picketing being prevented near the school premises, cases of interference with students at their houses were reported. The attendance in the Girls' High School, Hassan, and in the Municipal High School at Arsikere improved, but that in the Government High School at Hassan and the Municipal High School at Holenarsipur was very disappointing since the students are reported to have taken to house to house picketing. At Arsikere, eight students who had taken to picketing in the school premises were arrested and detained under the Defence of India Rules. At Hassan, the Police was spread out today over the important squares and strict instructions were issued that any violent picketing should be suitably dealt with. It is reported that attendance has improved today. Two leaders of the students Messrs: A. C. Krishna and Chandrasekhara Sharma who were particularly signalising themselves by their violent speeches and picketing and other unlawful activities were arrested under the Defence of India Rules and sent to the Bangalore Central Jail.

2) Picketing of shandies. The Congress Party seems to have taken this up with special keenness in the case of District Board shandies. Instructions have been issued to the Police that immediate help should be afforded to the contractors concerned in the prevention of any violence at the shandies. Last Saturday on a report being received from Channarayapatna that a crowd of people was gathering and there may be disturbance at the Municipal shandy, a

spot by bus and any untoward happening was prevented. I may state in this connection that Channarayapatna is becoming a centre of disturbances and I have therefore found it necessary to station a force of reserve police at the station for some more time. This has considerably weakened the strength of the striking force at Hassan and I have made a reference to the Inspector General of Police with this office reference No.P.C.176/42 dated the 19th September 1942 to send an additional force and a subedar. This is a very urgent and necessary measure since from all reports we are likely to have more disturbances at Channarayapatna Taluk which will have to be dealt with severely. The people of certain areas who are congressminded have particularly shown a tendency to be out of hand and a measure of firmness is very necessary. For this we must have adequate force and in view of the recent Government Orders regarding the use of Military, it is essential that we should have an additional force of reserve men at our disposal.

On 13-9-1942, there was picketing at the Srinivasapur shandy in Channarayapatna Taluk and a no-tax campaign was in progress. The Police Inspector and the Daffedar who went to the shandy and tried to advise the people not to behave in that manner were assaulted. Cases have been registered and three persons who were concerned have been arrested immediately. Some others have absconded and measures are being taken to trace them out.

On 11-9-1942 two stones were placed on the rails between Hassan and Budda railway line. A case under Section 180A of the Railway Act and 35(b) of the Defence of India Rules has been registered and is under investigation. No damage has been done to the track.

One very serious development in the activities of these agitators has been the burning of electric baligi poles. On 14-9-1942 somebody had set fire to two electric poles near Kantarajapura and on 15-9-1942 to two poles near Kalkere. The

village nearby were placed under suspension and a reward has been offered for clues leading to the offenders. Certain valuable information has been gathered and it is hoped that some arrests might be made shortly. As regards the burning of the electric pole at Kantarajapur, I am considering the question of taking action under Section 2(i) of the Cauvery Electric Power Transmission Line Act, which seems to be the only method of dealing with such instances in a place like Kantarajapura where the entire population, including village officials, is practically on the wrong side. I shall be submitting proposals shortly.

Today, another case of burning of baligi polex near Hole-Narsipur has been reported. I am proceeding to the spot tomorow myself as the District Superintendent of Police is now in camp in Channarayapatna and shall take immediate action to arrest those responsible for it. Further report in the matter will be submitted shortly.

So far as things at Arsikere are concerned, it was found that three individuals Messrs: Panchakshariah, D.Karisiddiah and B.V.Srikantiah were pulling the wires and were responsible for the picketing of schools and other unlawful activities. These people have been under surveillance for a long time and we had ample information that they are responsible for much of the mischief at Arsikere. They were therefore arrested on 18-9-1942 under Section 26 of the Defence of India Rules and sent to Bangalore.

Four students of Hassan who were preaching a no-tax campaign in Dasarakoppal, a village near Hassan, were arrested under the Defence of India Rules. As they promised, however, that they would not take to such unlawful activities in future, they were released after detention for three days.

Generally, I may state that the centre of trouble has shifted to Channarayapatna where I expect unpleasant developments within the next few days. Several instances of date tree cutting and breaking of toddy pots and destruction of

have come to the conclusion that very strong action is necessary in this case. As I have said already, I have posted a posse of reserve Police for stay in Channarayapatna to be available as an immediate striking force and I have despatched the District Superintendent of Police and the Sub Division Officer to go to the spot and take action to disperse all unlawful assemblies with the use of force and to effect arrests in all cases of mischief. It is quite likely that this action may have repercussions for which we must be prepared. I am expecting an increased force of reserve men from the Inspector General of Police with which I shall be quite able to handle the situation without resorting to the military, except in exceptional circumstances.

Yours sincerely,

M. Venkatappa
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Mothamed-ul-Mulk
Gulam Mohiyuddin Mehkri, Esq.,B.A.,LLB.
Chief Secretary to Government,
Bangalore.

Submitted

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The I. G. P telephones that the
following message has been received
from Hassan :-

OFFICE OF THE DEWAN
OF MYSORE.
Date of receipt 25.9.42
Petn. Regr. No. 249

When Police and Excise Party
were making arrangements yesterday evening
at a village called Desarahalli near
Hassan, an unruly mob attacked
them with stones. The Police had
to open fire in self defence. One
man who was injured by Police firing has
been admitted into the hospital. Some
of the Police party are also injured (as a result
only of stone throwing) The D.C. has gone
to the spot and will send a further report".

M 25/9/42

Ref 11077

TELEGRAMS: 'TAINADU'
TELEPHONE: 2033.

Tainadu

LEADING KANNADA DAILY

PROPRIETOR:
P. R. RAMAIYA, B. Sc.,
EDITOR:
P. B. SRINIVASAN

BANGALORE CITY 26.9.42

The Minister for Law,
Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Dear Sir,

A report of police firing in Dasara-koppal in Hassan taluq on the night of Sep. 24 has been received in this office. The report inter alia states that according to the people of the village the police forcibly entered the houses and misbehaved towards women, which provoked the people. As a consequence of it, the police opened fire in "self defence". May I request you to confirm this report and oblige?

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely

R. S. narayan

Editor

Chrysler

I have telephoned to Hassan on 26/9/42 at 11.30 A.M. to ascertain from them & send a message or report. You may acknowledge receipt of this letter & say that the alleged version of the people is being enquired into

28-9-42.

ವಿಶ್ವಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ದಿನಾಂಕ 26-9-42

ದಾಸರ ಕೊಪ್ಪಲಲ್ಲಿ ಗುಂಡಿನೇಟು

ಒಬ್ಬನಿಗೆ ತೀವ್ರವಾಯವಾಗಿದೆ

(ರೆಗಿ ಸುದ್ದಿಗಾರರಿಂದ) ಹಾಸನ. ಸೆ. ೨೫.

ನಿನ್ನೆ ದಿನ ರಾತ್ರಿ ಪೋಲೀಸಿನವರು ಹಾಸನದ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಸಾಲಗಾಮೆ ಹೋಬಳಿ ದಾಸರ ಕೊಪ್ಪಲಿಗೆ ಹೋಗಿ ತಮ್ಮ ಆತ್ಮ ರಕ್ಷಣೆಗೆ ಗುಂಡನ್ನು ಹಾರಿಸಿದರು. ದಾಸರ ಕೊಪ್ಪಲಿನ ತೋಪೆಗೌಡನ ಮಗ ದ್ಯಾವೆಗೌಡನಿಗೆ ಕೆನ್ನೆಮೇಲೆ ಗುಂಡಿನೇಟು ಬಿದ್ದು ತೀವ್ರ ಗಾಯವಾಗಿದೆ. ಈ ಊರಿನ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಗೆ ದ್ಯಾವೆಗೌಡನನ್ನು ನೆನ್ನೆರಾತ್ರಿಯೇ ಚಿಕಿತ್ಸೆಗಾಗಿ ಪೋಲೀಸಿನವರು ಕರತಂದರು. ಇನ್ನೂ ಕೆಲವರಿಗೆ ಕಾಲಿನಮೇಲೆ ಏಟು ಬಿದ್ದಿದೆ. ಗುಂಡನ್ನು ಹಾರಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡರೀತಿ ಕಾರಣ ತಿಳಿದುಬಂದಿದೆ. ನೆನ್ನೆ ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ ಹೆಂಡದಗಾಡಿಯನ್ನು ಪೀಪಾಯಿನೊಂದಿಗೆ ಯಾರೋ ಒಡೆದುಹಾಕಿದ್ದರು. ಗಾಡಿ ಮುರಿದು ಬಿದ್ದಿರುವ ಜಾಗ ದಾಸರಕೊಪ್ಪಲಿಗೆ ಸುಮಾರು ೩ ಮೈಲಿ ದೂರದಲ್ಲಿದೆ. ಈ ಕೆಲಸವನ್ನು ದಾಸರ ಕೊಪ್ಪಲಿನವರೇ ಮಾಡಿದರೆಂದು ಪೋಲೀಸಿನವರು ತನಿಖೆ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಹೋಗಿದ್ದರು. ಅಲ್ಲಿನ ಜನಗಳು ಗುಂಪು ಜಾಸ್ತಿಯಾಗಿ ಪೋಲೀಸಿನವರು ಆತ್ಮ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣೆಗೆ ಗುಂಡು ಹಾರಿಸಬೇಕಾಯಿತೆಂದು ಅಧಿಕಾರಯುತವಾಗಿ ತಿಳಿದುರುತ್ತೆ.

ಸುದ್ದಿಗಾರರು ಅಲ್ಲಿಗೆ ಹೋಗಿ ವಿಚಾರಿಸಿದ್ದರಲ್ಲಿ ಪೋಲೀಸರ ನಡತೆ ಸಮರ್ಪಕವಾಗಿರಲಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಅಲ್ಲಿನವರು ದೂರು ಮಾಡಿದರು. ರಾತ್ರಿ ಸುಮಾರು ೧೧½ ಗಂಟೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳೂ, ಮತ್ತು ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಪೋಲೀಸ್ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಸ್ಥಳಕ್ಕೆ ಹೋಗಿದ್ದರು. ದಾಸರ ಕೊಪ್ಪಲಿನಿಂದ ಕೆಲವರನ್ನು ಬಂಧಿಸಿ ಈ ಊರಿನ ಪೋಲೀಸ್ ಸ್ಟೇಷನ್ನಿಗೆ ಕರೆತರಲಾಯಿತು.

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿಗೆ ಕಳಿಸಿದರು

ನೆನ್ನೆದಿನ ಹೈಸ್ಕೂಲುಬಳಿ ಪಿಕೆಟಿಂಗ್ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಬಂಧನಮಾಡಿದ ಕಡಣಯ್ಯ, ಪುಟ್ಟಣ್ಣಯ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ವೀರಬಸವಯ್ಯ ಎಂಬ ಮೂರು ಜನ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳನ್ನು ಮತ್ತು ಬಿ. ಎ ಎಸ್. ಶರ್ಮರವರನ್ನು ಈ ಊರಿಂದ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿನ ಜೈಲಿಗೆ ಕರೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಹೋದರ ಶಿಂಗಿಗೌಡರನ್ನು ಇಲ್ಲೆ ಇಟ್ಟಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ (ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಾಯ ಕೆಲಸಕ್ಕೆ ರಾಜೀನಾಮೆಕೊಟ್ಟು ನೆನ್ನೆ ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ ಬಂಧಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟರು.)

ಶ್ರೀ ಭೋಜಪ್ಪನವರ ಬಂಧನ

ಕನ್ನರಾಯಪಟ್ಟಣದ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಕಾಂಗ್ರೆ ರಾಜಪುರದ ನ್ಯಾಯವಿಧಾಯಕ ಸಭೆಯ ಮೆಂಬರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಭೋಜಪ್ಪನವರನ್ನು ಬಂಧಿಸಿ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿನ ಜೈಲಿಗೆ ಈದಿನ ಕರೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಹೋದರು.

Visvakarnataka"
&
"Tainadu" 26-9-1942

The Tainadu and the Visvakarnataka publish reports of Police firing at Dasarakoppalu in Hassan Taluk

Submitted.

Chief Secretary.

ತಾಯಿನಾಡು 24-9-1942

ಪೋಲೀಸರ ಗುಂಡಿನೇಟು

ಹಾಸನ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆದ ಘಟನೆ

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ಮತ್ತು ತಪಿಪೆ

(ತಾ ರಿ ಬಾ) ಹಾಸನ ಸೆ ೨೩

ಶನಿವಾರ ರಾತ್ರಿ ಸುಮಾರು ೯ ಗಂಟೆಯ ಸುಮಾರಿಗೆ ಹಾಸನ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಕಸಬಾ ಹೋಬಳಿಯ ಕೆಲವು ಹಳ್ಳಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪೋಲೀಸರು ಜನರ ಮೇಲೆ ಗುಂಡು ಹಾರಿಸಿದರು ಎಂಬ ಸುದ್ದಿ ಹಾಸನದಲ್ಲಿ ಹಬ್ಬಿತು. ಈ ಸುದ್ದಿಯನ್ನು ಕೇಳಿದ ಕೂಡಲೆ ಹಾಸನದ ಜನರಲ್ಲಿ ಬಹಳ ಗಾಬರಿ ಉಂಟಾಯಿತು. ಸುದ್ದಿಯ ಸತ್ಯಾಸತ್ಯತೆಯನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಯಲು ಅನೇಕರು ಕಾತರರಾಗಿದ್ದರು. ಸುದ್ದಿಯ ಸತ್ಯಾಸತ್ಯತೆಯನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಯಲು ಅನೇಕರು ಪ್ರಯತ್ನಿಸಿದರು. ಆದರೆ ಯಾರಿಗೂ ಸರಿಯಾದ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ದೊರೆಯಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಆದರೆ

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From I.G.P. Comilla Harcourt 28/9/42

Visited Chunarughat and Kasbah

Yesterday evening. Everything quiet in both
places. This morning visited Dasmakhpal,
about 2½ miles from Lalyama road. The alleged
Police
assaulted woman lives in the village of
Pirir correct name. Saw the injured
person in the Hospital. Her injuries
towards recovery

Chief Secy

Please inform Tax Trade
that the alleged molestation is
not true

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Draft letter for Editor
Submitted for approval

Chief Secy.

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Draft for Approval.

D.O.NO. 1704/CB 28/9

Dear Sir.

I am desired to acknowledge the receipt of your letter to the Minister for Law bearing No.110477 dated 26th instant in which you refer to the report received by you of the Police firing in Dasarakoppal, Hassan Taluk on the 24th instant. I am to ~~state~~ inform you that the allegation that women were molested by the police in that village stated to be made in the report received by you on enquiry from us is untrue.

Yours sincerely,

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28/9/42

K.S. Narayan, Esq.,
Editor, "Tai Nadu",
Bangalore City

Extract from Daily Report No: S.O.146/42 dated the 1st October 1942 from the Special Officer on duty with the Military Detachment & Special First Class Magistrate, Camp Arsikere, to the Chief Secretary to Government.

It is reported that in connection with the celebration of Gandhi Jayanthi at Arsikere, elaborate preparations are being made and that local merchants are secretly encouraging this move. The actual details of the programme are in accordance with pamphlet No.8 issued by Karnatak Congress Committee, Bombay. A number of letters received from Parel Bombay addressed to local people seemed to contain this pamphlet referred to above.

Memo No: 1879/C.R.

Dated, Bangalore, 3rd October 1942.

Copy of the above is forwarded with compliments to the District Magistrate, Hassan for effective action being taken

A.D. 3/10

Chief Secretary to Government.

DOS.O.146/42

Office of the Special Officer
on duty with the Military Detachment
& Special First Class Magistrate,
Camp Arsikere, dated 1st October 1942.

Daily report 1st October 1942.

Major Shama Rao phones from Bhadravathi that he has met the Inspect Genral Of Police and is interviewing the Revenue Minister in regard to disposition of troops Early this morning

0915 hours. Risaldar Katkar reports that Major Shama Rao accompanied the Minister to Shikarpur and that the Wireless sets are still at Bhadravathi.

The dead rat found yesterday in the verandah of the Travellers' Bungalow at Arsikere showed plague bacillae. Intimation was sent to Chief Commandant, Chief Secretary to Government and Director of Public Health. The District Sanitary Officer Hassan was requested to visit Arsikere and advise measures to be taken in the Military Camp to prevent the spread of plague. In the mean-while precautionery measures as usual have been taken with the assistance of the Amildar President and his staff.

Vaccine

200 Doses of Anti Plague indented for yesterday arrived at 1300 hrs by train.

36 Gallons for local petrol were supplied to the Army Signal Corps Officer on their indent urgently without production of coupons by them. The Officer Commanding, " C " Corps Signals Bangalore has been written to for payment of the petrol bill and for sending coupons.

Situation reported to be calm at Tumkur and Chickmagalur.

The Director of Public Health phones that he is arriving at Arsikere to-morrow.

As the District Medical Officer and Sanitary Officer did not turn up as per his message received at 1520 hours, the Sub Assistant Surgeon Mysore Troops Station Hospital on duty with the Military Detachment was asked to take up innoculation work. 65 persons including Officers were innoculated. The men of the Army Signal Corps were also got innoculated.

Major Shama Rao is reported to have arrived at Bhadravati in the evening. No information is furnished by him as to what the situation at Issur Village, Shikarpur is and what the disposition of troops at present is. It is however stated that

One death from Bubonic plague is reported today in Arsikere.

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No patrolling activity is possible to-night as nearly 60 persons were innoculated and the rest had to be ready for service in any emergency.

Somalingaraya

1/10/42

I hope the map to has ~~sent~~ sent
extract to Dr. Hassan ~~Please~~ Please send extra
~~copies~~ to ~~him~~ for effective action
Bn

3/10

Action Taken
Ed
3/10.

Confidential.

Mr. N. S. Hirannayya, M.A.,
Deputy Commissioner

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Dated Hassan, the 1st October 1942.

No. PC.238-42

AD/3.10.42

Dear Sir,

In continuation of my D.O.No.P.C.196/42 dated the 22nd September 1942, I write to state as follows:-

1. Attendance in Schools. The attendance at Schools was fluctuating on account of the picketing practically in some quarters right up to the 20th instant. Immediate instructions were issued that picketers should be dealt with sharply and promptly and as a result nearly 40 students who were found to be leading the agitation were arrested. One of these who was of tender age was let off and another released on apology tendered by his father who stood surety for his good behaviour. One was handed to the Chickmagalur Police by whom he was wanted. A number of students who apologised and promised to be of good behaviour were also released. Cases under the Public Security Act were put against the others who were convicted and sentenced to imprisonment till the rising of the Court. These were very bad picketers and the misplaced leniency of the Magistrate will not have a good effect on the situation. This will be pointed to him. The situation was keenly watched on the 28th instant when we expected some trouble all over. At Arsikere Municipal High School, the attendance was satisfactory. At Hassan, the attendance in the Government High School rose up to 180 while that in the Girls' High School was about 33. The Inspector General of Police and I went round the town to see how things were getting on. A certain amount of group picketing was attempted but we dispersed the crowd who subsequently went away leaving the premises clear. At Holenarsipur, the attendance was very poor. The matter was considered on the same day at a meeting of the Municipal High School Committee. It was decided to disband the temporary staff in case the strength of the school does not show a marked improvement shortly. There [illegible] picketing since the 28th in other

accordance with the instructions of Government, I am getting into touch with officials who are parents of boys and girls who have not attended the school or who are taking part in this political agitation and I am trying to persuade them to do the right thing, by weaning their children away from the movement.

2. Wire cutting and other offences. Since the date of my last report, three instances of cutting of telephone and telegraph wires have been reported. Special instructions have been issued to the Amildars and Sub Division Officers to visit the villages and enforce the responsibility of the village officials for the protection of the wires running within their jurisdictions. The planting of the police outpost with reserves in Kantarajapura in Channarayapatna Taluk seems to have had a salutary effect since we have not had any instances of this kind of sabotage within the past three or four days. On a reference from the General Superintendent of the Cauvery Power Scheme, I am going into the question of having a few paid patrol men for a short time, supplemented by the services of the village officials and I expect to make a report to him shortly. The question of taking action under the Cauvery Power Transmission Act on the villagers round about Kantarajapura is being examined and I shall be making a report very shortly.

3. Other forms of sabotage. A number of cases of interference with toddy carts and destruction of date trees has been reported. It was in this connection that trouble started at Dasarakoppal and led to the incident which has been reported with No.P.C.222/42 dated 25-9-1942. The firing, which the Police had to resort to for self-defence, seems to have had a very salutary effect on the general situation in these parts. Interested rumour-mongers started stories that the women of the village had been molested by Mahomedan rowdies thereby giving the matter a communal turn. The Inspector General of Police visited the village with me on the 28th morning and from what we could gather, there were absolutely no molestations of women as alleged. The villagers who had deserted the houses have now come back and I have information that the person who was arrested prior to the incident and

surrender himself shortly. The members of the National War Front Committee have rendered very useful service in restoring peaceful conditions among the villagers affected by this incident and have enabled the normal process of law to undergo its course. Wild rumours of villagers confabulating among themselves and conspiring to create further trouble have been discounted with the reliable information brought by these National War Front workers that the people were getting back to normal and that they had now perceived the mess to which the agitators had brought them by their malicious propaganda.

4. Channarayapatna. A special para is necessary about the state of affairs in the Channarayapatna Taluk. Since the date of my last report, things in this Taluk continued to get worse. Picketing of shandies was taken up by the congressities in a marked manner and we decided to stop it, at important shandy centres at any rate. I asked the District Superintendent of Police to camp at Channarayapatna and on the 23rd night, I got information that there may be trouble at the place. The leading agitators had been arrested and I thought it desirable to go myself. I proceeded to Channarayapatna on the 23rd night and in the morning visited the leading troublesome villagers accompanied by the District Superintendent of Police and with a force of reserve. We visited Kantarajapura which is a centre for these violent activities, and after careful enquiries, I came to the conclusion that it is absolutely necessary to have a police force in this place to deal with sabotage promptly and effectively. I therefore had a Sub Inspector put here with 8 reserve men and 4 constables and asked the Amildar to camp here and patrol the neighbouring villages and take immediate action to suppress any unruly gatherings. I have also reported this matter to the Inspector General of Police in Mysore, who visited Kantarajapura on the 27th evening. I returned to Hassan on the 23rd and asked the Sub Division Officer, Hassan, to camp at Channarayapatna and manage the situation which may arise. On the 24th instant, there

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No.P.C.216-42 Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Hassan District,
Dated Hassan, the 5th October 1942.

From

N.S. HIRANNAYYA, ESQ., M.A.,
Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District.

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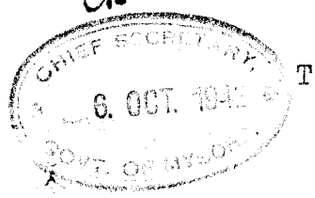

To

Mothamed-Ul-Mulk
Gulam Mohiyuddin Mehkri, Esq., B.A., LL.B.,
Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to circular No.1670-90/C.B. dated the 28th September 1942, I have the honor to state that reports were called for from the Head Masters of the High Schools at Hassan regarding children of officers who were not attending the schools. It was reported by the Head Master of the Government High School that the children of ten office and officials were not attending school while the Head-Mistre of the Government Girls' High School Hassan reported that the daughters of six officers and officials, resident in this tow did not attend the school. Several of the parents were sent for and advised in the matter and as a result, I find from enquiries that the attendance today among these children has improved. In the Boys' High School, three of these children have come back and sought readmission. It is reported that the Deputy Director of Public Instructions instructions have been sought in the matter. Another boy is reported to be attending. The other children are not attending school.

As regards the Girls' High School, it is reported that six girls are attending since the 28th. Two had come for re-admission but the fees have not yet been paid. In one case, a leaving certificate has been issued. In two cas the names were struck off the rolls and the girls in questic are not attending. It will be seen that there has been

been improvement in Hassan and I am taking steps to advise and warn the other parents of their responsibility in the matter.

As regards Arsikere. I went there on the 3rd evening and from enquiries made of the Head Master and Secretary of the High School, I gathered that almost all the Children of the Government officials are attending. In Holenarsipur, the position is bad. I shall be going there on the 8th morning with the Deputy Director of Public Instruction and shall warn the parents and Government ~~officers~~ servants of their duties in the matter of School attendance.

A further report of action taken will be made by the 10th.

I have the honor to be,
sir,
Your most obedient servant

Deputy Commissioner,
Hassan District.

REPLY

(To be written on this margin.)

OFFICE OF THE
MINISTER FOR LAW

NOTE

Dated .....13th.....October..... *194* 2.

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10th october 1942.

At Hassan I inspected the P.R.P. constables and the P.R.P. Subedar who were injured at Sravanabelagola on the 6th October and were about to leave for Bangalore for relief.

The P.R.P.constable who died as a result of an attack by the crowd at Sravana-belagola on the 6th October is one Viswanatha Rao who was recruited last year. He was unmarried. His father is a retired sergeant of the K.G.F. Police.

I left Hassan for Chennarayapatna and Sravanabelagola with the Deputy Commissioner ad the District Superintendent of Police. At Sravanabelagola I met the local Vice-President and the citizens. I inspected the shandy site and the scene of the incidents of 6th October in company with all the local officers and citizens.

There had been some trouble in Sravana-belagola in the previous week also on account of an attempt by the neighbouring villagers to prevent the payment of shandy fees. Arrests had been made subsequent to the previous shandy of the ring-leaders in the movement. Consequent on that, apparently, some persons in the neighbourhood had arranged to secure a large number of persons from villages in the Krishnarajapet

Taluk to picket the shandy in the regular place and hold a rival shandy just beyond the place and avoid payment of shandy fees to the Municipality. Owing to trouble in the previous week, Mr. S. Venkatesiah, National War Front leader, and his colleagues, had visited the locality and tried to counteract the propaganda and the movement to hold the shandy in an unauthorised place. These officers and the workers believed that they had a good response and hoped that there would not be any trouble. On the 6th October, however, the Amildar telephoned to Chennarayapatna that some people had started trouble and were holding shandy outside the authorised limits. The Sub-Division Officer and the District Superintendent of Police were in Chennarayapatna, awaiting the Minister for Local Self-Government who was due to pass through Chennarayapatna that afternoon. The District Superintendent of Police sent the Police Inspector with 8 P.R.P. constables to Sravanabelagola. The Amildar tried to persuade the people not to persist in their attitude but to get back to the regular place. His appeals proved unavailing. The crowd got into the hostile mood. The Inspector telephoned to the District Superintendent of Police that his presence was immediately necessary. The District Superintendent of Police and the Sub-Division Officer proceeded to Sravanabelagola with ~~the~~ 3 P.R.P. constables. When they went they found the Amildar pleading with the people who were in the new place. After some

But the crowd was in a defiant mood. The crowd picked up stones and advanced towards the P.R.P. constables to attack them. The Sub-Division Officer ordered lathi charge on the crowd to disperse it. The crowd went to the surrounding high ground and began pelting stones. Meantime the crowd at the usual shandy, which was behind them, began to press, and the officers and the police found themselves hemmed in on all sides and were pelted with stones. The Magistrate had therefore to order the police officers to open fire in self-defence in order to extricate themselves from the crowd and reached a safe spot in the Sravanabelagola village. They had to get back on the entire breadth of the shandy maidan and then through a narrow alley edged by highground on both sides for a distance of nearly 1,000 ft., until they reached a street in Sravanabelagola town bordering on the Mutt Chattram compound. All along the way they had to keep the pressing crowd at a distance by frequently turning back and shooting a few shots. By the time they reached the first house in the village, the Inspector and a constable, who were tired, tried to take rest in that house. But the inmates of the house got afraid and closed the door. The Inspector and the constable were on the pial and a local gentleman tried to protect them from the crowd which was coming in after them. By that time, the Superin-

(vide sketch attached)

these two people and went to their rescue and rescued them at the point of the revolver. Thereafter they found that one P.R.P.constable was missing. The crowd by that time had drawn back, seeing that the police and the official party had safely reached Sravanabelagola town. The Police Superintendent found the missing constable Viswanatha Rao lying in a precarious condition about a hundred yards from the village by the side of the alley. He was removed to the hospital. He died later at night. The gun carried by the P.R.P. constable is missing.

In all, 118 rounds of ammunition were fired by the P.R.P.constables and 8 rounds of revolver ammunition by the District Super-intendent of Police and the Police Inspector As far as can be ascertained, seven persons are stated to have died of bullet wounds. Their names and identity have to be verified as all the dead bodies were removed by the villagers. Twelve others have sustained wounds and have been treated in the Sravana-belagola and Chennarayapatna Hospitals. All of them except one is a Hindu. The twelfth is a Mohamadan by name Mohamed Ghouse of Kalenahalli. All the constables and all the officers have sustained injuries, except the Amildar.

The investigation of the case is proceeding. Sixteen people have been

the Districts are working in unison in order to secure the missing property and the remaining accused.

A redeeming feature is that no one in Sravanabelagola town sympathises with this movement and that all stood behind the officers and the police party. I saw the wounded persons undergoing treatment in the Hospital at Sravanabelagola and also the in-patients at Sri Krishnarajendra Hospital in Hassan. One person came only to-day to Sravanabelagola dispensary.

The situation in the town and in the neighbourhood is now quiet.

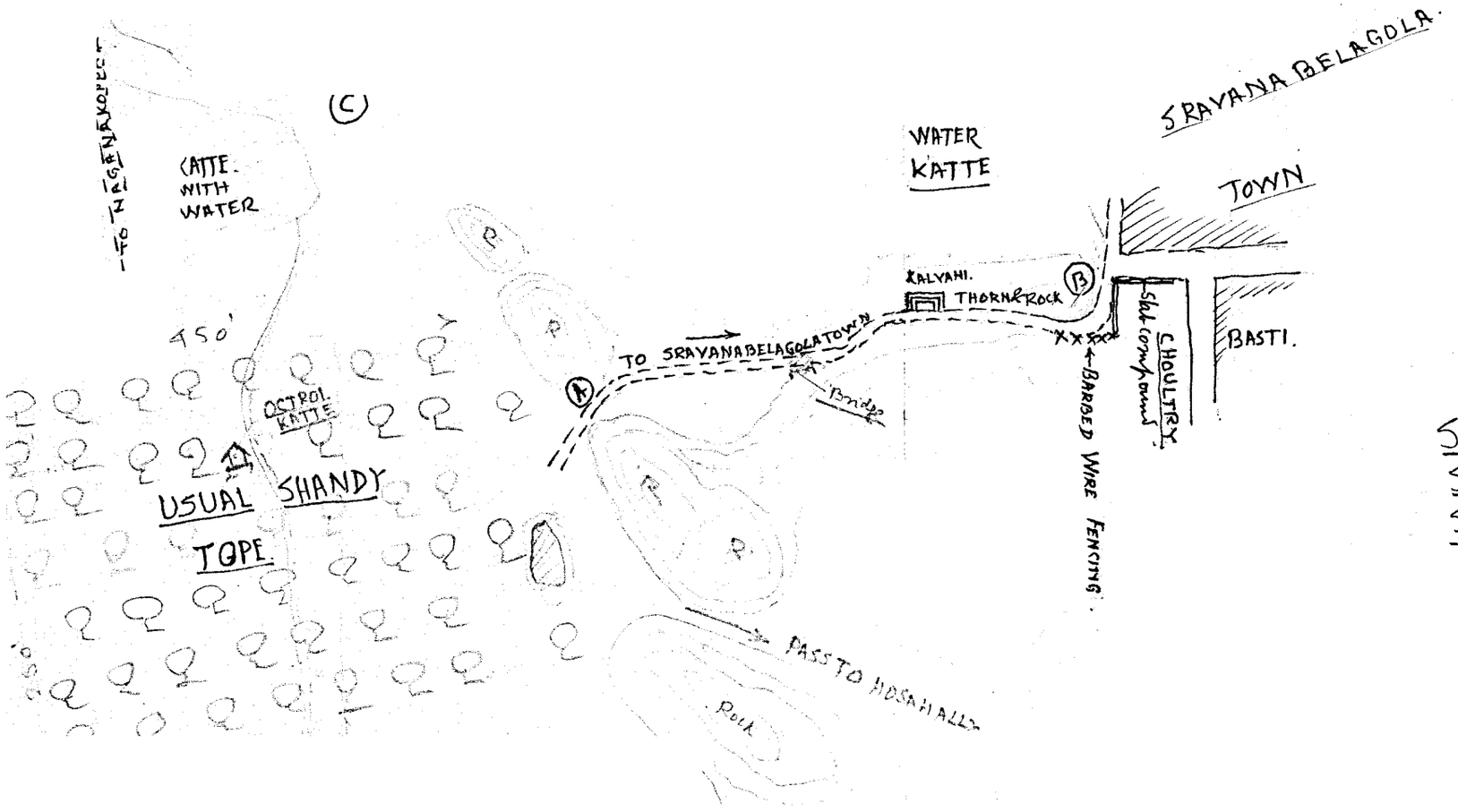
The local officers and leaders suspected that there might be trouble in the Halebid and Chavagal areas. The Nation: War Front workers are proceeding there to start with. The Deputy Commissioner is making his plans so as to get control of the situation as smoothly as possible. The District leader, Mr.S.Venkatesiah, has prepared a leaflet on the advantages of the shandy for the rural population and why they should not be misled into creating disturbances in shandies on the advice of the townspeople who can get on without shandies.

I have instructed the Deputy Commissioner and the Executive Engineer to utilise the musafirkhana near the Hassan Jail for accommodating the warders and jail staff and

in the jail compound for detenues and prisoners. The Executive Engineer has been authorised promptly to execute all works found necessary for the purpose, in consultation with the Deputy Commissioner.

13-10-42

SRI GOMATESWARA HILL.



NOTE

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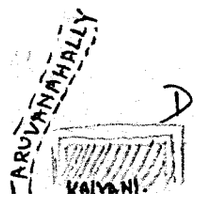
SKETCH SHOWING SHANDY LOCALITY OF SRAVANABELAGOLA TOWN.



UNUSUAL SHANDY

10/10/42

No of rounds fired
+8 (Revolver). 118
Deaths so far ascertained
7
Injuries ascertained
so far from Hospital
records. 11 +1

Submitted to His Highness.

I submit herewith a detailed note by the Minister for Law on the subject of the recent disturbances at Sravanabelagola, for His Highness's gracious perusal.

M. Visvesvaraya

DEWAN.

Mysore,

13th October 1942.

Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja.

Subject.

Note on the recent disturbances at Sravanabelagola.

No. 313

Order.

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

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SUBJECT :—

Note on the recent disturbances at Sravanabelagola.

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31. All urgent or confidential files returned with His Highness' orders may, in the absence of instructions or indications to the contrary, be ordinarily circulated to the Ministers for perusal after the issue of orders.

33. The Secretaries concerned should see that orders in the cases referred to above are issued at once and that the files are returned immediately after, to the Chief Secretary for circulation to the Ministers.

34. In all other cases, the files will first be circulated to the Ministers at Headquarters and then sent to the Secretariat concerned for the issue of orders.

Circulated to Council of Ministers for perusal of His Highness' orders before/after issue of orders. (*Vide* Rules 31, 33 and 34 of the Subsidiary Rules for the conduct of business of Council in the Manual of Council Rules and Procedure.) (*)

Chief Secretary to Government.

Through the Secretary to Government,

.....Department.

Minister for Finance and Revenue. (on leave,

Minister for Law. 3/11

Minister for Education. 2.11.47

Minister for Local Self-Govt. and Public Health. 2.11.47

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Telephone Message dated 15-10-42
received at 10-45 A.M.

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15. OCT. 1942
No. 3015

From

The District Superintendent of Police.
Hassan,-Camp Saklespur.

To

The District Superintendent of Police,
Mysore (Copy to Deputy Commissioner, Hassan.

As desired by the Law Minister, necessary instruction has been personally issued to all my subordinates at Saklespur regarding Mangalore affair. I have also spoken to the Sub Division Officer, Saklespur personally and I will be leaving this for Sravanabelagola. Kindly communicate this message to the Law Minister.

Submitted
Rangaswamy Iyengar
15/10/42 DSP

Dewan.

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No. 2143/CB

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19th October 1942.
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Dear Sir,

With reference to your D.O. letter No.P.C.304 dated the 17th October 1942 intimating among other things that the District Superintendent of Police is completing investigation in the Sravanabelagola and Dasarkoppal cases, I am desired to request you to submit a special report to Government as soon as the charge sheet is placed, as the case is to go before a Special Judge in view of the death of a Provincial Reserve Police Constable.

Yours sincerely,

Chief Secretary.

N. S. Hirannayya, Esqr., M.A.,
Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District

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N. S. Hirannayya, M.A.,
Deputy Commissioner

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Dated Hassan, the 17th October *194*2.

No. 304-42

Dear Sir,

Developments in Political activities.

In continuation of my previous letters on the subject, I write to state as follows:-

Shandy picketing. Since the incident at Sravanabelagola on the 6th October 1942, shandy picketing has completely stopped in Channarayapatna. It is reported that the shandies at Sravanabelagola and Channarayapatna were conducted very peacefully. One feature of the shandy at Sravanabelagola was that the important people of the neighbouring villages attended the shandy and saw to it that there were no disturbances. On the 8th, the leaders of the several villages round about came to me on deputation and executed a mutchalika making themselves personally responsible for the peace of the hobli and agreeing to see that all forms of violence including shandy picketing were eschewed in this jurisdiction. The mutchalika executed seems to have had a salutary effect, from what we could see of the temper of the crowd at the last shandy at Sravanabelagola, though of course we have got to wait and see whether these feelings remain unchanged.

While Channarayapatna has gone quiet, trouble seems to be brewing in another set of villages running from Kudaragundi, Muthathi, Nittur and Salagame in the Hassan Taluk to Hanike and on to Javagal in Belur and Arsikere Taluks. At Salagame, an unruly crowd damaged the toddy shop and did not allow the shandy fees to be paid. At Halebid the shandy was picketed for the two weeks prior to last Wednesday which is a shandy day. Apprehending the possibility of trouble, I sent the Sub Division Officer, Saklespur, on Tuesday to the place and had a warning issued to the villagers that if they repeated any act of violence, collective fine would have to be imposed and severe steps taken for the punishment of the offenders.

good effect, for the Wednesday shandy was perfectly quiet. I visited Halebid yesterday and had a talk with the leading villagers of that place and a few of Gangur and Sanenahalli which are also affected villages. The Halebid people agreed to see that no subversive outside influences would be allowed to operate in their village. I have also devised an arrangement with them by which the Panchayet itself will take up the shandy contract, at some concessional figure from the District Board. This would have many advantages. In the first place, the panchayet itself will have benefited by the profits which were hitherto going to the contractor. In the second place, the appearance of trouble at a few of the shandies seems to be due to the fact that shandy contractors sometimes were exacting and several instances of cases of the kind have come to my notice. This appears to have been the case for instance in Didaga shandy in Channarayapatna Taluk and the Halebid shandy. If the village panchayets take up the work, such illegal exactions will be put a stop to. In the third place, we will be mobilising local public opinion against the people who try to come and make disturbances in the shandy grounds. I have yet to examine how far this proposal is permitted by the Village Panchayet Act and I shall make necessary proposals to the Revenue Commissioner shortly.

Javagal shandy, which is one of the biggest shandies in the District is showing signs of trouble. Our enquiries go to show that these are not due to local villagers but to the activities of some people from Kudaragundi, Muthati and a few neighbouring villages in Hassan Taluk and to others of Gangur and Sanenahalli in the Belur Taluk. The District Superintendent of Police is now camping at Sravanabelagola in connection with the investigations there and soon after he comes back, I propose to organise a kind of a flying squad which will visit the affected shandies and help in arresting people instigating non-payment of taxes on the spot and in dispersing unlawful crowds. The result of action taken on these lines will be reported in my next report.

Arrests of people instigating subversive political activities are continuing.

R.S.Gundurami ah and S.C.Suryanarayanasetty of Holenarsipur and Mr.Narasanna, a Mill owner of Channarayapatna, who were leaders of the movement and one Srinivasa Iyengar, who was distinguishing himself by violent speeches, and on account of their disobedience of this order, they are being charge-sheeted before the Special First Class Magistrate. I propose to take similar action in respect of some others who by the slyness of their ~~matx~~ propaganda against Government, are particularly dangerous but who yet have succeeded in keeping themselves out of public meetings and other activities in which they may come to public notice. Six people who were picketing the Alur shandy were arrested on the 13th, and charge-sheeted on two counts under the Public Security Act. They have been sentenced to imprisonment of six months under each count, the sentences to run consecutively. The Additional Special First Class Magistrate has been holding his court at Channarayapatna. All the cases in connection with the disturbances there, except one, have ended in convictions of two months rigorous imprisonment and fines.

I have issued strict instructions to the District Superintendent of Police to complete investigations in the Sravanabelagola rioting cases and the Dasarkoppal cases also and to place charge sheets. He is now busily engaged at Sravanabelagola in rounding up the other accused persons in consultation with the Krishnarajapet Police.

Yours sincerely,

Mohamed-ul-Mulk
Gulam Mohiyuddin Bakri, Esq.,B.A.,LL B.,
Chief Secretary to Government,
Camp, Mysore.

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Serial No.

Subd. A draft letter to the Residency to put up regarding the Ivanvanakelagoda shooting incident.

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Has not this been taken on the weekly S.B report dated 6th Residency

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Subd. The D.I.G.P's weekly political abstract that is being sent to the Residency does not contain any information relating to the Ivanvana kelagoda incident. Copies of the report for ~~working~~ weeks ending 10th & 17th are put up for perusal.

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For approval before issue

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Nil
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No 2253/CB

(Camp) Mysore, 23rd October 1942.
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Mathomad-ul-Mulk

W. le B. Egerton. Esqr., I.C.S.
Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore

I am directed to state that there was a serious disturbance at Sravanabelagola in the Hassan District on the 6th October 1942 which necessitated fire being opened by the Police resulting in the death of seven persons.

The trouble was due to a "No tax" Campaign. It was a shandy day and a group of persons had arranged to hold the shandy in an unauthorised place with the determined purpose of not paying the shandy fees and with the object of defying the authorities. As soon as information reached the Police to the effect that trouble was brewing at the shandy, the District Superintendent of Police and the Revenue Sub Division Officer and ex-officio First Class Magistrate went to the place along with some Provincial Reserve Police men, but they were received with a hail of stones from the rowdy elements that had gathered in the shandy ground A lathi charge was attempted, but as the crowd grew defiant.the police had to open fire, after giving repeated warnings to the crowd.

One Police Reserve constable. who received serious injuries from stone throwing, was removed to the hospital, where he died later on the same day.

The Police fired 118 rounds in all resulting in the death of seven persons, and injuries to twelve others.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Chief Secretary to Government.

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To

The Secretary to the Resident.

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7th OCTOBER 1942.

2 A.M.

(Phoned by the Station Master, Bangalore City, to the Law Minister.)

From the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District, Camp Sravanabelagola.

Unruly mob attacked Police with brick-bats and stones at Sravanabelagola. D.S.P. and S.D.O. present. Fire was opened as the situation was extremely serious. So far, three casualties and several injuries are known. I came with two Sections to the place at once, and am watching situation. A detailed report will be made tomorrow morning. The situation is now calm. I have telephoned for Military aid. One Reserve man is badly injured and some others are wounded.

9-30 A.M. (From Mysore Transformer Station.)

From the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District, Camp Sravanabelagola.

The situation at Sravanabelagola continues calm. I have made arrangements for the rounding up of the rowdies concerned in the disturbance in the course of the day. Extra Military help has also arrived.

Mr. N. S. Hirannayya, M.A.,
Deputy Commissioner

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(Camp) Sravanabelgola
Dated Hassan the 7th October 1942.

Dear Sir,

I write to confirm herewith my telephone message to the Law Minister, given yesterday at 9.40 p.m. from camp Sravanabelgola, as noted in the margin. I am preparing a detailed report after further inspection of the scene of the disturbance by this evening as I am busy making arrangements for the rounding of the offenders responsible for the disturbance.

Law Minister (Copy to Inspector General of Police, Bangalore. Bangalore.)

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Sd/-N.S. Hirannayya,
Deputy Commissioner,
(Camp) Sravanabelgola)

Sollo. The burden of the press note, sollo thru yesterday & it has been issued this note I think is unnecessary

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In the meantime, I learn that all sorts rumours are being set afloat at Hassan and other places about the affair and I am therefore enclosing herewith a brief press note which may be kindly got published through the Publicity Officer with such corrections as the Government may deem fit.

I regret to state that the P.R.P. constable who was injured during the disturbance yesterday evening died while under treatment in the Hospital in the course of the night.

The situation is well under control. Additional Military force has arrived. Prompt measures will be taken to bring the offenders to book.

Yours Sincerely,

N Hirannayya

To

Mothamed-Ul-Mulk
Gulam Mohiyuddin Mehkri, Esq., B.A., LL.B.,
Chief Secretary to Government,
B A N G A L O R E.

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(Camp) Sravanabelgola,
Dated the 7th October 1942.

Yesterday evening, at Sravanabelgola, an unruly mob attacked the Police party who had gone to see that the shandy passed off peacefully with brickbats and stones. Inspite of warnings the violance of the crowd became worse and finally the Sub-Division Officer and Ex-Officio First Class Magistrate who was present on the spot ordered fire to be opened. The number of casualities are not yet definitely known but three persons are ascertained to have been killed on the spot one Police Constable who received serious injuries died subsequently in the Hospital. The situation is now under control.

Deputy Commissioner,
Hassan District.

7th October 1942.

6-35 P.M.

Telephone Message from the D.C., Hassan,
Camp Sravanabelagola.
To. the I.G. of Police, Bangalore.

(Submitted to the Law Minister as per request to the Exchange, by the D.C.)

"The situation here is causing anxiety. A batch of P.R.P. men may kindly be sent in a Police Van."

Checked

The SP has sent arms with 20 men yesterday evening & gone there with 4 more men this morning. The Diwan has been informed on the phone

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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,
HASSAN DISTRICT.
(Camp) Sravanabelgola,
Dated Hassan, the 7th October 1942.

From

N. S. Hirannayya, Esq., M.A.,
Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District.

To

Mothamed-Ul-Mulk
Gulam Mohiyuddin Mehkri, Esq., B.A., LL.B.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highne
the Maharaja of Mysore, BANGALORE.

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I have the honor to enclose herewith a copy of a report received from the District Superintendent of Police, Hassan. Yesterday evening I saw the Minister for Local Self Government and Public Health off at Hirisave and when I returned to Chennarayapatna, I heard that there had been serious disturbances at Sravanabelgola, that fire had been opened and that my presence was needed with reinforcements. Shortly afterwards, the two sections of Military who had been stationed at Hassan and who had been telephoned for arrived and I proceeded to Sravanabelgola immediately. I found the Police party in front of the Police station. Many had injuries while one F.H.P. constable was in the Hospital with multiple injuries on his body. I proceeded at once to the scene of the firing with a view to recover the dead bodies, but found that they had been removed from the spot. Special petrol arrangements were made for the night and, this morning, a Police party were sent to Aruvanahalli to make arrests of some people who were involved in the disturbances. Sixteen arrests have been made so far. Other arrests in other villages will be made tomorrow.

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yet known, but the Local Doctor who went to the spot shortly after the firing states that he saw six dead bodies. We have information for five of the casualities which of course has got to be further verified. About the sixth, information is not yet available. Searching enquiries are being made about this and other casualities. The number of injured is not yet known as they were taken back to their villages immediately after the firing.

I am getting detailed sketches of the spot prepared and investigations into the cases against the arrested persons have already been started. The other villages which have contributed to the rowdies who created this trouble will be searched tomorrow and suspects arrested.

It is with deep regret that I have to state that the P.R.P. constable who was injured by the stone throwing in the course of the disturbances died in the night inspite of the best medical treatment. A case for murder and rioting has been registered in this connection and will be promptly investigated. The situation so far is calm, but it is difficult to say what developments might or might not follow. An extra platoon of Military was got from Kadur, but since their services may be wanted somewhere else under a short notice, I have requested the Inspector General of Police to send a batch of reserve police in a police van. I am camping at Sravanabelgola and shall make a further report on the situation shortly.

In connection with the cutting of wires near Chennarayapatna, I am glad to say that very valuable proofs have been obtained & The wire itself has been recovered from a pond into which it had been thrown. Influenced probably by the offer of reward which we made, we have secured information about the culprits who will be booked for this offence as soon as investigations are completed.

I have the honor to be,
sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Deputy Commissioner
Hassan District.

MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

From

M.V.V. Naik, Esquire,
District Superintendent of Police,
Hassan District, Hassan.

To

The Deputy Commissioner,& District Magistrate,
Hassan District, Hassan.

No. S.B.393/42-43.

Dated the 6th October 1942.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that this afternoon in connection with the visit of the Minister for Local Self Government, Myself and the Sub Divisional Magistrate, were directed to proceed to Chennarayapatna and remain there till the Minister left Chennarayapatna to Bangalore City. Accordingly both of us came to Chennarayapatna along with the District Board President Mr. Dharmappa and waited there for the arrival of the Minister. At about 3 P.M. we received information by telephone from Sravanabelagola that a lot of difficulty ~~ix~~ was being felt in collecting the shandy fees and the octroi. By then, the Amildar Magistrate was also camping at Sravanabelagola. Then, immediately I sent - 7 P.R.P. men, Havildar and Subedar and the Police Inspector Chennarayapatna, in a bus to assist and act under the - instructions of the Amildar. At 5 P.M. I received another* message stating that my help was immediately needed. Then Myself, the Sub Divisional Officer, Excise Inspector Mr. Viswanath with an additional 5 P.R.P. men proceeded to Sravanabelagola in the car. We made enquiries at the Police Out Post regarding the troubles at the shandy. They gave us to understand that the lives of the Government Officials in the shandy appeared to be in danger.

Then, we immediately proceeded to the shandy maidan which is about a mile from the Police Out Post. On the way we met the Revenue Inspector and the Revenue Inspector [illegible]

for V.P. taxes whose statements are enclosed gave us an indication about the determined attempt of the mob ~~xxx~~ to cause danger to Government Officials in case they interfered in the shandy affair. But they did not give alarming news then. We entered the place where the shandy was usually held and having learnt that they were paying the shandy fees etc., I and the Sub Divisional Magistrate, advised the crowd not to get excited by the mere presence of the Police force and to carry on the usual business.

Then we proceeded to the shandy place where a group of persons had prearranged to have shandy in an unusual place with the determined purpose of not paying the shandy fees and with the object of defying the authorities ~~xxf~~ lawfully constituted and if possible to harass the Government Officials who interfered with their unlawful and illegal activities. The moment we proceeded towards that crowd, majaority of the rowdy elements that had gathered in the usual shandy which had already prepared themselves with all sorts of missiles particularly with the stones which were readily available in the little hillocks that are surrounding the shandy ground. Then the other party that had gathered at the unusual shandy place got restive and attempted to assault one of the constables that I took with me. ~~Then~~ seeing that Sub Divisional Magistrate ordered for lathi charge. The moment the lathi charge was attempted and the P.R.P. men dealt with a few members of the above said crowd i.e. the crowd that had gathered in the unusual shandy place, the whole crowd of both the shandies surrounded us and began pelting stones and injured the major portion of my subordinate officers and my self. The Sub Divisional Officer also received stone hits. Then he was compelled to order fire after repeated warnings to the crowd that nad gathered round the Police force.

~~As~~ The crowd was very unweilay to control being more than 1500. In spite of the fact that a few rounds were fired all around us the crowd did not show any inclination to disperse.

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ammunition might run out and the above situation forced us to retreat under cover of fire to a place where we could get protection on one side. Then we retreated and came near the entrance to Sravanabelagola Village. The moment we entered my Inspector Mr. Seshadriengar and another P.R.P. Constable No. 629 who were just behind me were severely mobbed and about to be beaten to death. Then I had to take recourse to my revolver and secured them safely. When we reached the Police Station, I arranged for the checking of the men that were at the shandy with the number of men I had taken from Chennarayapatna. The Havildar Narayana Rao informed that one of the P.R.P. Constables was missing. Then I immediately proceeded back again to the shandy maidan and on the way to the shandy near the embankment I saw the constable lying unconscious almost covered by stones aimed at him. With the help of the local Doctor the constable was removed to the hospital. His belt with pouches which contained some ammunition and the rifle was missing.

After our return to the Out Post I telephoned to the Deputy Commissioner for Military assistance as there was definite information that the mob would again attack the Out Post and the men stationed there with reinforced villagers and with more vigour. The Deputy Commissioner arrived with Military reinforcements at 9.40 P.M.

Immediately after my return I requested the local Docotr to proceed to the spot and give necessary first aid to the injured. The first time he went to the spot and crowed refused to allow him and later they allowed him to treat some of the injured. According to his report there were six dead bodies and one was in a precarios condition whose people refused to send him to the hospital. Later, some of the people who had injuries in their legs were brough in the cradles to the hospital. According to the hospital records and the Doctor's report seven were treated for

for gunshot wounds in addition to the deaths mentioned above.

If the firing had not been ordered the whole force including myself and the Sub Divisional Magistrate would have been mercilessly beaten to death. It is very unfortunate and highly sorrowful that the P.R.P. Constable No. 297 who received the injuries succumbed to death at about 10.15 P.M. I hope and I am sure that his commendable and bold action and the brave death for the sake of maintaining the prestige of the department and for the protection of his comrades and officers will receive the sympathetic consideration that his action merits at the hands of the Government for the grant of such allowance to his dependants as the Government deems fit

My Deputy Commissioner at about 10.45 P.M. sent a message to the Inspector General of Police with regard to the disposal of the body. If permission is granted for the disposal of the body here it will be burried with all due honours.

In this connection I will be failing in my duty if I do not mention the brave assistance rendered by the Sub Divisional Magistrate and sincere co-operation by the local Doctor Mr. Venkatasubba Rao, and the Excise Inspector Mr. J.T. Viswanathan. When the situation was critical all the P.R.P. men and officers and the local Police Officers stood up to my expectations in securing and maintaining peace at the place. Thpugh an account of heavy rush and violent andunruly mob the Reserve men were slightly perplexed and flurried they stood firm and were loyal to their duties.

Immediately after the fire was ceased the ammunition issued to the men were checked. The men had fired ~~188~~ 118 rounds excluding the ammunition lost by the deceased P.R.P. P.C. 297 along with his rifle. Further detailed report will be submitted shortly. All the injured Police Officers

From my subsequent enquiry it is ascertained that a majority of the ~~rowdism~~ rowdy elements who had come to this shandy had also been to Thendekere shandy which took place two days prior to this incident where no shandy fees was collected. Therefore most of the injured in the Sravana belagola shandy belong to the villages of Krishnarajapet Taluk. Under the above circumstances as we have to make some arrests in the villages belonging to Krishnarajapet Taluk, I have sent a message requesting the District Superintendent of Police, Mandya, under orders of my Deputy Commissioner to join us at Agile village to-morrow at 10 A.M.

In this connection I wish to invite reference to the incidents of the last shandy at Sravanabelagola when some arrests were made for picketing the shandy. This was the reason why the crowd had prepared as already stated.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

District Superintendent of Police,
Hassan.

Confidential.

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Mr. N. S. Hirannayya, M.A.,
Deputy Commissioner

No. 288-42

Dated Hassan, the 13th October 1942.

Dear Sir,

In continuation of my No.P.C.252/42 dated the 7th October 1942, I write to state that the situation at Sravanabelagola is now reported quiet. I note in the margin copy of a telephone message received at 7.45 P.M. today from the District Superintendent of Police, Hassan, camp Sravanabelagola. I regret to state that the patient from Sravanabelagola who had his leg amputated in the Chamarajendra Hospital at Hassan and whom the Law Minister noticed, died the next day of gangrenous infection. The District Superintendent of Police is now camping at Sravanabelagola and I expect that arrests of rioters in the bordering villages of the Krishnarajapet Taluk will be made shortly in consultation with the Mandya Police

From the District Superintendent of Police, Hassan, Camp Sravanabelagola to the District Superintendent of Police, Mysore and the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan.

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Situation at Sravanabelagola is very quiet. Today about 500 people attended the shandy and toll and octroi were collected without any difficulty. The leaders including Mr.Padmiah, the Vice-President of Sravanabelagola were present. The age of the Mahomedan of Kalanahalli who has been injured is found to be about 50 years. It has been ascertained just now that two more injured persons got themselves admitted to Krishnarajendra Hospital at Mysore. The above message may kindly be submitted for the information of the Law Minister.
Received at 7.45 P.M.on 13-10-42"

Reports are received to hand of picketing at the Salagame and Halebid shandies. I am trying to make some arrangements whereby local public opinion may be mobilised against this kind of agitation. I am afraid however that strong action will have to be taken in the places mentioned above to prevent further disturbances and after consulting the District Superintendent of Police, I will be making a further report shortly.

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No PC 352/42

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Office of the District Magistrate,
Hassan District.
Dated Hassan, the 23rd October 1942.

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From

N.S. Hirannayya, Esq., M.A.,
District Magistrate, Hassan District.

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To

Mothamad-Ul-Mulk
Gulam Mohiyuddin Mehkri, Esq., B.A.,LL.B.,
Chief Secretary to Government,
Bangalore.

Sir,

In continuation of my report No.P.C.250-42 dated the 7th instant regarding the incidents at Sravanabelgola, I have the honor to forward herewith for kind information, copies of letter Nos468-42 dated 17th October 1942 and its enclosure, received from the District Superintendent of Police, Hassan, intimating the names of persons who sustained gun-shot injuries at Sravanabelgola on 6-10-42 and who are undergoing treatment in the Hospitals noted against their names.

I have the honor to be,
sir,
Your most obedient servant,

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District Magistrate
Hassan District

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Sent for perusal. The D.C., Kandy, had already reported that six persons died on the 6th O.C. at Ivanwanchagoda, and that one more died later on in the hospital. It is not clear from the present letter if the two now shown as dead are the same, (or whether they are in addition)

Those are the same.

The names are acceptable. Send for them

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Letter No.468-42 dated the 17th October 1942 from the District Superintendent of Police, Hassan District, to the Deputy Commissionee Hassan District.

In continuation of my report dated 6-10-42, I have the honor to state that informations have been received from the District Superintendents of Police, Mysore and Mandya Districts, that the persons noted in the enclosed list who sustained gunshot injuries at Sravana belgola on 6-10-42, are undergoing treatnent in the hospitals noted against them. The names of the persons who were treated at Sravana-belgola Dispensary is also furnished for kind information.

" C O P Y "

District Magistrate
Hassan District

List of persons injured in connection with the shooting at Sravanabelgola on 6-10-42.

1. Nemichandraiah, Sravanabelgola. Treated in Sravanabelgola Dispensary.
2. Hongegowda, Damningala.
3. Annasi alias Padmaraju.
4. Karigowda, Bastihalli.
5. Borasetty, Sravanabelagola (Died in the District Hospital on 11-10-42. Treated in Sravabelagola Dispensary.
6. Kariappa, Halebelagola
7. Kalasaiah, Nagianakoppal
8. Boregowda, Damningala " and also in the Krishnarajendra Hospital, Mysore.
9. Boregowda, Hosahalli, "
10. Konagasetty of Sundahalli "
11. Bomegowda, Sundahalli "
12. Kapanigowda, Sundahalli "
13. Nanjegowda S/o Lakkegowda, Kantarajapura "
14. Bora of Sundahalli "
15. Mohamed Ghouse, Kalenahalli Channarayapatna Dispensary
16. Hariappa S/o Kalegowda, Agalaya, K.R.Pet Tk. (Krishnarajendra Hospital
17. Veerabhadriah S/o Patel Puttegowda Dinka village.) at Mysore, as per Mysore D.S.P.'s No.S.B.186/42/14-10-42.
18. Byaviah, S/o Chennegowda. Died.
19. Chowdegowda S/o Bettegowda, Narayanapura. (As per Mandya D.S.P's No.S.B.25/42 dated 13-10-42.
20. Bhoja S/o Kalegowda, Agalaya.)
21. Sivanjanjegowda alias Thammiah, Narasinganahalli. Died.
22. Venkategowda S/o Thimmegowda, Amachihalli Died
23. Nanjegowda S/o Gare Marigowda. Died
24. Boranna S/o Marigowda, Sollepura. Died
25. Byava, Adikarnataka, Sravanabelagola (Treated in the Krishnarajapet Hospital)
26. Kaliah son of Lakkasetty, Inoranahalli, Krishnarajapet Taluk.
27. Huuegowda, Bommenahalli Died.

Sd. M.V.V.Naik,
District Superintendent of Police, Hassan.

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Deputy Commissioner & District Magistrate, Hassan District.

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No 2326/CB

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31st October 1942.

The District Magistrate,

Hassan District.

S i r,

With reference to your letter No. P.C.331 dated the 23rd October 1942, I am directed to convey the approval of Government to the action taken by you in withdrawing the case against one H.C.Sadasivamurthy for an offence under Sec.24 of the Mysore Public Security Act 1940.

I have, etc.

Chief Secretary to Govt.

No. PC 331/42

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Office of the District Magistrate,
Hassan District,
Dated Hassan, the 23rd October 42.

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From

N. S. Hirannayya, Esq., M.A.,
District Magistrate, HassanDistrict.

To

Mothamed-ul-Mulk
Gulam Mohiyuddin Mehkri, Esq., B.A., LL.B.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that the Police of Belur had placed a charge sheet against H.C.Sadasivamurthy and some others for offences under Section 24 of the Public Security Act. The case has not so far progressed as the accused had prayed for the transfer of the case from the Court of the First Class Magistrate, Saklespur. In the meanwhile, H.C.Sadasivamurthy one of the accused has furnished an undertaking through the Lockup Officer, Saklespur binding himself not to take part in ~~actives~~ activities of the kind in future and has praved for pardon. ~~He~~ His father H.S.Chikkannagowda, Patel of Halebid has also furnished an undertaking to see that the boy is kept under proper control and that he does not join such movements. In view of this, I have ordered the withdrawal of the case against this individual. My action may kindly be approved.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

District Magistrate,
Hassan District.

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Mr. N. S. Hirannayya, M.A.,
Deputy Commissioner

Camp Yelagunda
Dated Hassan, the 27th October 1942.

No.P.C. 348/42

Dear Sir,

In continuation of my D.O.No.P.C.304/42 dated the 17th October 1942, I write to state as follows:-

In Channarayapatna Taluk things are now quiet. But the trouble in the belt of villages running from Kudaragundi, Muthathi. Nittur and Salagame in Hassan Taluk to Hanike and Halebid in Belur and Javagal in Arsikere Taluks seems to be gaining ground. I have stated in my report referred to above that an arrangement was devised by which the Halebid Panchayet agreed to conduct the shandy themselves under the District Board. It would appear that on the next shandy day, i.e., on the 21st of October 1942, the Village Panchayet Chairman and members did attempt to go about the shandy and have dues collected in an orderly manner. It was reported however that a large crowd of rowdies carrying lathis and other weapons, suddenly appeared, creating disturbances and prevented the collection of shandy fees altogether. On Sunday the 25th we had information that an equally unruly mob intended creating trouble at Javagal shandy. Arrangements were therefore made to despatch to the scene an adequate police forde from Arsikere side, while a detachment of reserve would come from Chikmagalur side by mutual arrangement with the Chikmagalur Police. I and my District Superintendent of Police met the Deputy Commissioner and District Superintendent of Police of Kadur District at Belur a couple of days previously and made the necessary arrangements. Scent of these arrangements appears, however, to have gone about and by the time our fordes reached the spot, a major portion of the mob had scattered. Arrests of 27 persons who were concerned in the agitation have been made. On the 22nd of this month, I [illegible] and Patels of Javagal Hobli and had a full

seem to be duly grateful of the generous measure of Government in giving them increase of potigi and expressed a great desire to co-operate in restoring peace and order. From the information I gathered from them, it would appear that the trouble is localised amongst a few villages and a particular group of people, who live in the interior villages already mentioned and who sunddenly appear at the shandies and create trouble about the collection of shandy fees. There appears however to be a sinister purpose behind this move which is a prelude to a no-tax campaign. I have made a full report of the developments in my letter No.P.C.227/42-43 dated the 22nd October 1942, to the Inspector General of Police, Camp Mysore. In accordance with the requisition made therein, extra P.R.P. reserves and a section of cavalry arrived in Hassan. Early this morning at about 4 A.M. we all reached Yelagunda which is a central point for the disaffected areas. Lt. Col. Basavaraj Urs was also good enough to accompany us. A combined party of military and Police visited Nittur village as the first step. All the persons who were wanted by us have been found in the village and they have been arrested and brought in custody. From the enquiries I have made of the District Superintendent of Police and the Sub Division Officer, who accompanied the party, I gather that the attitude of the villagers was most defiant and violent. Originally we thought of going among these villages in two groups, but with the information before us, of the united and hostile front presented by some of these villages, we have changed our plans and have decided to send out one big party to round up these villages. Report of further action will be made tomorrow evening. The arrival of a large and well equipped force in what the agitators thought to be an inaccessible area will, I am sure, have a very good effect. I may state however that I am afraid I shall have to keep this force for at least a week with me. The mobs that gather are so big and there is so much unity that it will be somewhat risky to

Mr. N. S. Hirannayya, M.A.,
Deputy Commissioner

Dated Hassan, the 194

I made a report regarding the attendance at the schools. Attendance at all the schools is improving. The only institution that was causing us anxiety was the Municipal High School at Holenarsipur. On Monday the 26th, the attendance of students was as follows:-

I year	..	23/27
II year	..	4/11
III year	..	11/11
	Total	38/49

It is reported that out of the students whose names have been struck off the rolls, 37 attended the classes and that there ~~xxx~~ was no picketing of any kind. No signs of picketing were observable either at Arsikere or at Hassan. On the 23rd, however, 4 students who attempted to create trouble at Holenaripur had to be arrested under the Public Security Act. I have received a requisition from the leading people of Holenarsipur and representatives of the students to give them an interview which I have accorded to them at 5 P.M. today. They state that they want to press certain points regarding attendance of students and as soon as I ascertain what it is they have to say, I shall make a report in the matter.

Yours sincerely

N S Hirannayya
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Mothamed-ul-Mulk
Gulam Mohiyuddin Mehkri, Esq., B.A., LL B.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Camp Mysore.

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Mr. N. S. Hirannayya, M.A.,
Deputy Commissioner

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Dated Hassan, the 30th October 1942.

Dear Sir,

In continuation of this office No.P.C.348-42 dated the 27th instant, I write to state that further activities in connection with the rounding up of rowdies and hooligans in the villages round about Yelagunda were continued by the District Superintendent of Police in collaboration with the Military. On the first day i.e., on the 27th, 11 persons who were wanted for subversive activities were arrested at Nittur. Next day, the District Superintendent of Police proceeded with force to Kuduragundi and Mutthatthi. He reports that the people of both these places realised their folly and executed a mutchalika that they would not, under any circumstances, enter into the subversive activities of the congress. I personally feel that it would have been better if the leading agitators in the villages had been arrested and brought to book. However, since the Police have taken a mutchalika from these villagers, we may give them a chance to prove the genuinness of their assertions. The District Superintendent of Police reports that the Police also raided the village of Gangur yesterday morning and has mentioned the unverfied report that one Huliappa who received a lathi injury died. I have asked the District Superintendent of Police to enquire into the matter immediately and send up a report. The villages of Gangur and Sanenahalli were rounded up by Hassan Police in collaboration with the Police and Military from Chikkamagalur. The Sub-Division Officer, Saklespur Sub-Division, the District Superintendent of Police, Kadur and the Amildar of Belur Taluk were present at the time of round up. It is ascertained that 24 wanted persons were arrested in these villages.

It will take about a week or two for us to gauge the

a week or ten days. I am sending the section of cavalry back to Bangalore tomorrow evening. Their help was invaluable in the operations we conducted.

In connection with the three acts of incendiarsm committed near Arsikere on the night of the 27th, I proceded to Arsikere and made necessary enquiries. Stagings and water tank columns in three places were burnt down. Two arrests have been made in this connection and further investigations are proceeding.

The attendance ~~at~~ at Schools is fairly satisfactory and picketing has completely ceased. As regards the Sravana-belgola cases, the case diaries are being finally perused by ~~the~~ the District Superintendent of Police and the final charge sheet will be placed very shortly.

Yours Sincerely,

N. Mohammad
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Mothamad-Ul-Mulk

Gulam Mohiyuddin Mehkri, Esq., B.A., LL.B.
Chief Secretary to Government,
BANGALORE.

Mr. N. S. Hirannayya, M.A.,
Deputy Commissioner

No. 389/42

Dated Hassan, the 7th November 1942.

Dear Sir,

I write to state that a case of telephone wire cutting near Channarayapatna was detected in Crime No.20/42-43 and charge sheets were placed against 10 persons, all residents of Guranahalli village. They were tried by the Special First Class Magistrate and convicted of offences under Sections 143 and 427 I.P.C. and Section 36(1)(b) of the Defence of India Act. They have been sentenced to rigorous imprisonment of two years in all and to a fine of Rs.400/- or in default four months' rigorous imprisonment.

2. In Crime No.10/42-43, an offence relating to the cutting of date trees in Bekkada Cholenahalli, 5 persons were charged with the offence before the Special Magistrate. They were convicted with offences under Sections 143, 427 and 447 I.P.C. and 24 (1) (b) of the Mysore Public Security Act and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for one year in all and to pay a fine of Rs.400/- or in default to undergo two months' rigorous imprisonment.

3. The operations undertaken in connection with the visits to villages by a combined military and police party seem to have had a markedly salutary effect. No trouble at any of the shandies has been reported since the beginning of this month and shandy fees are being smoothly collected. The leading villagers of the villages in which arrests were made have now come forward pleading for the release of those arrested and promising to see that no trouble of any kind occurs in future in their areas. The persons arrested in Sanenahalli, Gangur, Singatagere, Haruvanahalli and one or two other villages have also made a representation praying that they may be released and that they are prepared to offer surety to the extent demanded and that they will keep the peace in future and act as law abiding citizens. Their repre-

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Final charge sheets in the Sravanabelagola disturbance cases was placed before the Special Magistrate Mr. A.S. Khaleel at Channarayapatna on 5-11-42.

Attendance at schools is satisfactory and there is no picketing. Leading citizens of Holenarsipur came to me a few days back and requested that the students of their town who are in custody may be released and that they will see to it that the school was fully attended. I told them that the matter could only be considered if the students who are in Jail undertook not to take part in subversive or unlawful activities in future. and thereby showed a chang of heart.

Three cases of burning of Railway water tank columns have been reported and they are under investigation.

Yours sincerely,

Mothamed-ul-Mulk
Gulam Mohiyuddin Mehkri, Esq., B.A., LL B.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Bangalore.

No 2442/CB

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11th November 1942

N. S. Hirannayya, Esqr., M.A.,
District Magistrate, Hassan.

Sir.

With reference to correspondence ending with your letter No. PC.380 dated the 6th November 1942. I am directed to communicate the sanction of Government to withdraw the cases against H.S.Nagarajiah and other students of Gorur for offences under Sections 143, 147 and 426. Indian Penal Code.

I have. etc..

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Chief Secretary to Govt.

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Office of the District Magistrate,
Hassan District,
Dated Hassan, the 26th October 1942.

No: Jl.C.499/42.

From

N.S. Hirannayya, Esq., M.A.,

District Magistrate, Hassan.

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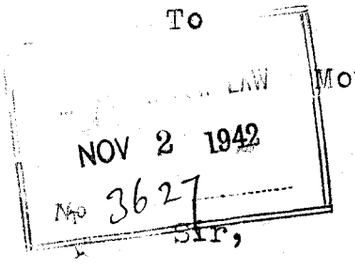

Mothamed-ul-Mulk
Gulam Mohiuddin Mehkri, Esq., B.A.,LL.B.,
Chief Secretary to His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honor to state that the Hassan Police have placed a charge sheet against H.S. Nagarajiah and other students of Gorur for offences under Sections 143, 147 and 426 I.P.C. The case (registered as No.12/42-43) is pending trial in the Court of the Additional Special First Class Magistrate, Hassan. The accused and their parents have executed mutchalikas to the District Superintendent of Police, Hassan to the effect that they would not, in future, take part in subversive activities. One Mr. H.V.Subrahmanyam, father of one of the accused having prayed for the withdrawal of the case, the D.S.P's opinion was called for. He has reported that it is acertained that the boys are attending Schools and Colleges and are not taking part in any activiiies of the kind, referred to above, and has recommended withdrawal of the case. As the boys and their parents have furnished the necessary undertaking, I recommend — that permission may kindly be granted to withdraw the case.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

District Magistrate,
Hassan District.

Submd. for orders.
The offences are serious.

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No 2358/C3

3rd November 1942.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter No.J.1.C 499 dated the 26th October 1942 recommending the withdrawal of the cases ~~framed~~ against H.S.Nagarajiah and certain other students of Gorur. I am desired to enquire about the specific act of mischief done by these students for which they were charge sheeted.

Yours sincerely,

Chief Secy.

N. S. Hirannayya, Esqr., M.A.,
District Magistrate, Hassan District

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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,
HASSAN DISTRICT,

Dated Hassan, the 6th November *194* 2.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your D.O.2358/C.B. dated the 3rd November 1942, regarding the specific act of mischief committed by the Students including H.S. Nagarajaiya and others of Gorur, I write to state that the accused has been charge sheeted under sections 143, 147 and 426 I.P.C. for unlawful assembly with the common object of causing damage to the lorry carrying toddy from Hassan to Gorur and with having caused damage to it by pelting stones and by hitting it with axe and sickle and with having caused damage to the barrels and also with having spilt the toddy from the barrel.

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Yours Sincerely,

Mothamad-ul-mulk

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Gulam Mohiyuddin Mehkri, Esq., B.A.,LL.B.,
Chief Secretary to Government,
Bangalore.

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Please submit with main file.
Mr. C's view obtained

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Recorded with the file. A Draft
is drafted.

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S. Hirannayya, M.A.,
Deputy Commissioner

No. JC U66/41 Dated Hassan, the 12th Nov. 1942:

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Dear Sir,

I write to state that the undermentioned students of Arsikere have been charge sheeted under the Public Security Act for picketing and the trial against them is proceeding before the Special Magistrate, Mr.A.S. Khaleel in C.C.No.45/42-43.

1. Y.B.Rajasekhariah
2. K.Gopalaswamy
3. G.M.Veerabhadriah
4. A.J.Radhakrishna
5. H.C.Subbaraya.

In the meantime, however, they have given an undertaking that they will attend classes immediately after they are released and that they arenot going to give any further trouble. A copy of the undertaking is enclosed herewith. The District Superintendent of Police, Hassan, has recommended that they may be released and I agree with him that the release will have a good effect on the local situation and that it is worthwhile giving these boys this form of concession. I have therefore directed that the case against them be withdrawn

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withdrawn and these boys set at liberty.

Yours sincerely,

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Mothamed-ul-Mulk
Gulam Mohiyuddin Mehkri, Esq., B.A., LL B.,
Chief Secretary to Government,
Bangalore.

Mr. N

To

The District Magistrate,
Hassan District.

Sir,

We, the undersigned students of Arsikere beg to state that we will attend the classes regularly immediately after release. We are not going to give any further trouble.

Yours obediently,

Sd. Y.B.Rajashekhara
" K.Gopalswamy
" G.M.Veeraghadriah
" A.T.Radhakrishna
" H.C.Subbaraya.

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Deputy Commissioner,
Hassan District.

Mr. N. S. Hirannayya, M.A.,
Deputy Commissioner

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Dated Hassan the 12th Nov. 1942.

No. PC 266-42

Dear Sir,

I write to state that the undermentioned students of Arsikere who were detained under Section 26 of the Defence of India Rules have given written undertakings not to take part in subversive activities, from the Bangalore Central Jail. Copies of these letters are enclosed herewith for the information of Government. The District Superintendent of Police has recommended their cases for release.

1. G.R. Nagarajasingh
2. Sivaramiah
3. Govindaraj setty
4. Krishnamurthy
5. Shankara Rao
6. Kannappanaidu

I have agreed with the District Superintendent of Police and directed that the student detenues may be released. I expect that their release will have no adverse effect on the situation but that on the other hand it may bring educational institutions to normal. The names of boys released are as noted above.

Yours sincerely,

Mothamed-ul-Mulk
Gulam Mohiyuddin Mehkri, Esq., B.A.
Chief Secretary to Govt. LL B.,
Bangalore.

Bangalore,
7th Oct. 1942.

To

The Deputy Commissioner,
Hassan District.

Sir,

We, the undersigned detenues, who are all students arrested at Arsikere anddetained in the Central Jail under the Defenceof India Rules as per your orders, humbly beg to state as follows:-

We are very sorry for all we have done and assure you, Sir, that in future we will not take part in any subversive or political activities. We undertake to attend classes in our respective (are) Schools as soon as we released.

In the circumstances, we pray that we may very kindly be ordered to be released from the Jail.

For which act of kindness we shall ever remain grateful.

R.O.I.A.C.

We beg to remain,
Sir,
Your most obedient servants.

1.G.R.Nagaraj singh/Son of G.R. Gopal Singh, Student of Municipal High School, Arsikere. — Sd.G.R.Nagaraj Singh

2.Kannappa Naid s/o Muniswami Naidu, Contractor,Arsikere. — Sd. Kannappanaidu.

3. H.N.Shivaramaiah s/o H.Nanjappa, Student of IV. Year Class, G.M.S. Arsikere. — Sd.H.N.Shivaramiah

4. T.K.Govindarajasetty S/o Late Pathiyappa, student of Chitaldrug High School, Arsikere. — Sd.T.K.Govindasetty.

5.K.Krishnamurthy, s/o Late Krishnappa Student of Municipal High School,Arsikere. — Sd.K.Krishnamurthy,

6.A.K.Shankara Rao s/o Khandoji Rao, Student of Sagar Middle School M.S. IV Year A, Arsikere. — Sd.A.K.Shankar Rao

Signed before me,.

Sd.T.M.Ameer,
Chief Jailor, Central Jail, Bangalor

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Deputy Commissioner,
Hassan District

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Hirannayya, M.A.,
Deputy Commissioner

Dated Hassan, the 13th Nov. 192..

PC No. 265-42

Dear Sir,

I write to state that the marginally noted students of Channarayapatna who were detained under Section 26 of the Defence of India Regulation have given written undertaking not to take part in subversive activities, from the Bangalore Jail. A copy of the letter is herewith enclosed for the information of Government. The District Superintendent of Police has also recommended their case for release. It is expected that the release of these students will create a favourable atmosphere on the educational institutions at Channarayapatna. I have therefore directed that they may be released forthwith.

1. A.Sreekantaiya,
2. C.S.Shivanjanjegowda
3. Y.K.Narasimha Iyengar
4. C.M.Lingappa

Yours sincerely,

Mothamed-Ul-Mulk
Gulam Mohiyuddin Mehkri, Esq., B.A., LL B.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Bangalore.

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To

The Deputy Commissioner,
Hassan District, Hassan.

Through

The Superintendent,
Central Jail, Bangalore.

Sir,

We, (1) Srikantiah s/o Siva Ramiah, student IV year Government Middle School, Channarayapatna (2) Sivananjegowda S/o Singappa, student (3) Narasimha Iyengar s/o Krishnaswamy Iyengar, student (4) C.M.Lingappa s/o Mallappa, student Government Middle School, Channarayapatna do hereby undertake not to picket or take part in any political activity in the present movement. We are desireus of attending the school and therefore we request that we may kindly be released

Sd.A.Srikantiah

" C.S.Shivananjegowda

" Y.K.Narasimha Iyengar

" C.M.Lingappa.

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Deputy Commissioner,
Hassan District

Mr. N. S. Hirannayya, M.A.,
Deputy Commissioner

No.P.C.414/42-43. Dated Hassan, the 16th November 1942.

Dear Sir.

In continuation of letter No.P C.389/42 dated the 7th November 1942, I write to state as follows:

The situation in the District is comparatively quiet since the date of my last report. The attendance at schools is satisfactory and that in the Holenarsipur Municipal High School is particularly good. On the 13th, it was 111 out of a total strength of 123 and on the 14th 104. There has been no picketing in any place. Several of the students who had been detained under Section 26 of the Defence of India Rules as well as several other students who were under trials for offences under the Public Security Act gave undertakings that they would not take part in subversive activities connected with the civil disobedience movement in future and they regretted what they had done in the past. There cases were gone into and I came to the opinion that their release would help to bring conditions in educational institutions to normal and that this act of grace would not be likely to be abused. Several parents in Hassan came to me and pleaded that these boys may be released and that they would see to it that no further troubles took place in the schools and that the boys would attend classes. In consideration of these factors, I have directed the release of five detenues and withdrew the cases under Section 24 of the Public Security Act against five undertrial students. A report about this release has been made to Government in my D.O.No6s. P.C. 266/42 dated the 12th November 1942. In the above reference the release of 5 student detenues has been reported. One other person Kannappanaidu also, a student, who gave an undertaking in the same manner as the others, was also ordered to be released. The total number of releases of student detenues in this District would be 6 and that of student undertrials would be 5

I have been keeping a careful watch over the activities of these students and so far I have not found that their release has had any adverse effect on the situation. So far as the other students of this District who are convicted under the Public Security Act are concerned, they are either in the Mysore or in the Bangalore Jails. Representatives of parents have approached me for their release on the undertaking that their boys will be made to attend classes and would not take part in subversive activities. I shall make a report to Government about the action ~~further~~ I propose to take as soon as the undertakings of the students themselves are received.

Shandies are reported to be going on quietly and shandy fees are regularly being collected. No trouble of any kind in this connection has been reported.

In the cases put up before the Special Magistrate in connection with the Dasarakoppal distrubances, two of the ringleaders have been convicted. The first, Malle alias Annegowda was convicted for an offence under Section 224 I.P.C. and sentenced to suffer one year's rigorous imprisonment and to pay a fine of Rs.200/- and in default of payment of fine, to undergo rigorous imprisonment for two months. This very person Malle and another person named Dyavegowda have also been convicted in connection with the damage caused to toddy carts under Sections 34 and 427 I.P.C. and under Section 24(1)(a) of the Public Security Act to undergo rigorous imprisonment for nine months with fines under the different sections.

As regards the cases under Section 144, 148, 332 and 353 I.P.C. put up for rioting in the night against the residents of Dasarakoppal, the entire village has now come forward undertaking that peace will be preserved hereafter and that they will stand guarantee that there is no disturbance again and that none of the villagers will take part in unlawful activities. The undertrials themselves have also given undertakings to the same effect and prayed for pardon. I have gone into the question and I am of opinion that the withdrawal of the

effect on the situation. The villagers have suffered considerably after the disturbance and as I have said already, two of the ringleaders have been convicted to terms of imprisonment and fined, in other cases in connection with these troubles. Respectable citizens of Hassan Town who have got influence in this village have represented to me that the temperament of the people is thoroughly changed and that there is not likelihood of these disturbances being repeated. Under these circumstances, I am making a separate recommendation for the withdrawal of the case against the accused. I may state here that the evidence is closed and the case is only waiting for judgment.

It was reported that Messrs: A.G.Athri and Mari of Hassan Town were acting as laisons for agitators from outside and that the latter especially was busy collecting funds for this kind of activity. Mr.A.G Athri is the brother of Mr.A.G.Ramachandra Rao, a prominent congressman of Hassan whose whereabouts are not known now. As their presence at large was deemed dangerous to the public safety, they have been arrested on 8th November 1942 under Section 26 of the Defence of India Rules and sent to Bangalore Central Jail for detention.

As regards acts of sabotage in connection with cutting of telephone wires near Arsikere and with burning of water tank columns on the railway line, we had a suspicion that several persons of Arsikere and Harnahalli were involved in it Investigation of the case against these persons is proceeding but no definite clues have been found so far. As however we had definite suspicion against six people and it would have been dangerous in the interests of public property to have allowed them to be at large, the following five persons have therefore been arrested and detained under Rule 26 of the Defence of India Rules:

1. Bakkappa 2. Viswanathasetty 3. Lakshminarasimhasetty 4. Vithalacharya all of Arsikere and 5. Channakeshavasharma of Harnahalli.

I have instructed the District Superintendent of Police

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Police that the moment some evidence is obtainable against these persons they should be booked under the penal sections. The further progress in this matter will be reported in due course.

In connection with incendiarism in regard to the post box in Holenarsipur, a case under Rule 36(1)(a) read with Clause (2) of the Defence of India Rules was lodged before the Special Magistrate, Hassan against one H.V.Venkatasubbiah in C.C.No.25/42-43. After trial, the accused has been convicted and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for two years and to pay a fine ofRs.200/- in default of which he has to undergo further rigorous imprisonment for a period of two months.

I have been keeping a very strict watch on any other developments in the direction of a no-tax campaign.I am glad to say that so far nothing in this connection has developed in any of the Taluks in the District The operations in the Hassan and Belur Taluks seem to have a very good effect and conditions in the interior parts are so far quite peaceful. I have instructed the Amildars and Sub Division Officers to keep a close watch on the conduct of patels and shanbhogues and on any attempt to preach a "no-tax campaign" specially.

Yours sincerely,

N Narasimha Rao
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Mothamed-ul-Mulk
Gulam Mohiyuddin Mehkri, Esq., B.A.,LL B.
Chief Secretary to Government, Bangalore.

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Mr. N. S. Hirannayya, M.A.,
Deputy Commissioner

No. PC 427/20 one Dated Hassan, the 20th Nov. 1942..

Dear Sir,

I write to enclose herewith a copy of the letter received from the District Superintendent of Police, Hassan District, regarding the capture of offenders redhanded in a case of telephone wire cutting near Holenarsipur. The case is being investigated.

Yours sincerely,

Mothamed-ul-Mulk
Gulam Mohiyuddin Mehkri, Esq., B.A., LL B.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Bangalore.

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Copy of D.O.letter No.S.B.667/42 dated the 20th November 1942 from the District Superintendent of Police, Hassan, to the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District.

I write to state that on the night of 19-11-42 at 10.40 P.M. telephone wire was cut on the support opposite to the Power Structure No.528-29 at Holenarsipur line at about 2 miles from Power Station, towards Hassan. The line men and the Police who were patrolling the line observed three men running from the place of the occurrence after committing the offence. They chased them and were able to catch one of them named C.Hanumanthiah. The other two accused persons (i.e., Yramudi Gowda, Rayappa) were arrested subsequently.

A case has been registered and is being investigated

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Deputy Commissioner,
Hassan District.

Mr. N. S. Hirannayya, M.A.,
Deputy Commissioner

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Dated Hassan, the 21st Nov. 194 2.

(P.C. 427-42 Confidential)

Dear Sir,

I write to invite your reference to the last para of my letter No.P.C.416-42 dated the 19th November 1942 regarding the arrest of Mr. A.G.Ramachandra Rao, Member of the District Congress Committee, Hassan, and to state that yesterday night on my return from Chennarayapatna, Mr. Ramachandra Rao saw me and gave me some interesting details about his activities and of the various groups he came into contact with. He pleaded that he may not be arrested or detained till the conclusion of the funeral ceremonies of his father who died on the 18th instant and gave his word of honor that he would present himself before me on that date and place himself at my disposal and that till then he would not take part in any political activity. A copy of the statement he has given before me is enclosed herewith. I have however directed the District Superintendent of Police to keep a close watch on his movements till the 2nd proximo, on which date I shall in all probability, have him arrested and detained under rule 26 of the Defence of India Rules.

I shall take the occasion of my next visit to Bangalore to give other details that Mr. Ramachandra Rao mentioned to me.

Yours sincerely,

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Mothamad-Ul-Mulk
Gulam Mohiyuddin Mehkri, Esq., B.A., LL.B., ICS
Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

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To

The District Magistrate,
Hassan.

Sir,

In continuation of the copy of my petition presented to the Minister of Law already sent to you, I desire to state that as at present arranged the ceremonies connected with the funeral of my father Mr. M.Gopalaiya will continue up to and on the 1st of December 1942. I shall be looking you up on 2nd and you may deal with me as you may deem fit. During this period i.e., up to 2nd December, I shall be wholly engressed in the sacred duties ~~of~~ to my deceased father, and I shall notbe associating myself in any political activities.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,

Sd/-A.G.Ramachandra Rao.

Hassan,
20/11/42.

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Deputy Commissioner,
Hassan District.

Mr. N. S. Hirannayya, M.A.,
Deputy Commissioner

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No. PC 466/42

Dated Hassan, the 1st December 1942.

Dear Sir,

In continuation of my letter No.P.C.414/42-43 dated the 16th November 1942, I write to state as follows:-

The situation in the District is comparatively quiet and no subversive activities are reported from the villages. Attendance at schools is satisfactory and no signs of any agitation is observable among the student population. All the students who had been detained under Section 26 of the Defence of India Rules have been released. As regards those ~~the~~ who have been convicted under the Public Security and other Acts, arrangements have been made by which such of them as show a change of mind away from subversive activities would give undertakings for their good conduct in future. It is reported that parents have made several efforts to induce their sons who were in Jail to give such undertakings but without result. Any further developments in this matter will be reported in due course.

2. Shandies are running quietly and fees are being collected in the normal course

3. Cases of sabotage on the railway and telegraphic lines which had ceased for some weeks past, showed a recrudescence of activitity from the 29th. On the 30th night, a coach of brake-van was set fire to in a siding at Arsikere station. It is ascertained that on the day previous, acts of incendiarism had been committed at Tiptur, Karadi and Honnavalli-road stations. At Karadi two boys who were found under suspicious circumstances were arrested and they have given valuable clues relating to the identity of the most active member of their group who, they stated, is a resident of Bhadravati. This information has been communicated to the Inspector General of Police who came on the 30th and investigations are proceeding. Another person of Arsikere who was arrested has also given us some clues which also lead to a group working from Bhadravati. The District Superintendent of Police is verifying the truth of these state-

soon as any definite information is forthcoming. It is likely that in the course of these enquiries, we may be able to unearth the gang which is responsible for these acts of sabotage.

4. A case of telegraph wire cutting between Arsikere and Banavar has also been reported which is under investigation.

5. As regards the case in connection with the Sravanabelagola disturbances, of the thirty accused produced before the Special Judge, charges have been framed against 28 accused persons. Charges under Sections 145, 147, 302/149, 332/149, I.P.C. etc. have been framed against all these persons except the 6th, 17th, 30th and 53rd accused. The 8th and 28th accused have been discharged. Charges under Section 143 I.P.C. have been framed against all the 28 accused. It is ascertained that out of the 17 absconding accused persons, one surrendered on the 19th ultimo, two are undergoing treatment in the Hospital and three surrendered on the 30th. It is ascertained further that several other absconding offenders will surrender themselves on or before the 12th instant, on which date the proclamation issued by the Court will come into effect.

Yours sincerely,

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Mohamed-Ul-Mulk
Gulam Mohiyuddin Mehkri, Esq., B.A., LL B.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Bangalore.

Mr. **N. S. Hirannayya**, M.A.,
Deputy Commissioner

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Dated Hassan, the 2nd December 1942.

No. PC 468/42

Dear Sir,

In continuation of my No.P.C.466/42 dated the 1st December 1942, I write to state that Mr. A.G.Ramachandra Rao, Ex-Lawyer and Member of the District Congress Committee, Hassan was arrested under Section 26 of the Defence of India Rules and sent to the Bangalore Central Jail for detention.

Yours sincerely,

Mothamed-ul-Mulk
Gulam Mohiyuddin Mehkri, Esq., B.A., LL B.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Bangalore.

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M **N. S. Hirannayya**, M.A.,
Deputy Commissioner

No. PC 142/12

Dated Hassan, the 13th Dec. *192*.

Dear Sir,

I write to enclose herewith a copy of my letter of today addressed to the Chief Commandant, Mysore State Troops, for the information of Government.

Yours sincerely,

Mothamed-ul-Mulk
Gulam Mohiyuddin Mehkri, Esq., B.A., LL B.,
Chief Secretary to Government. Bangalore.

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Office of the District Magistrate,
Hassan District,
Dated Hassan, the 13th December 42

From

The District Magistrate,
Hassan District.

To

The Chief Commandant,
Mysore State Troops. Bangalore

Sir.

With reference to your D.O.letter dated the 7th December 1942 addressed to the Minister for Law regarding the withdrawal of the detachment now stationed at Hassan to Bangalore, I have the honour to state that the detachment can be withdrawn as suggested by you. I am sending a copy of this letter to the Chief Secretary to Government.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

Sd. N. S. Hiranmayya,
District Magistrate,
Hassan District.

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District Magistrate
Hassan District
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